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1 Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your vegetative management project. I have 20 years experience in forest management and forest ecology.

2 I spent four years studying the proposed "Cottonwood Vegetation Management Project" on the Tahoe National Forest. I learned that herbicides such as glyphosate, that are considered benign, actually are linked to birth defects and Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. It is also considered short lived but in the presence of water, can persist for years. Cheat grass, which was found in small quantities would actually have its populations grow. Non target vegetation would be adversely effected.

3 Battling invasive weeds with herbicides over such an extensive is especially dangerous, bad science and a bad idea for the following reasons:

Invasive species cannot be eliminated without eliminating the causes of weed invasion.

4 Herbicides are not only poisonous and expensive, but they fail because they are "treating" symptoms, not the causes, of weed invasion and undesirable vegetation.

5 Also, the BLM should analyze the Restore Native Ecosystems Alternative in the DEIS/PER, a citizens' alternative submitted to the BLM that addresses both the causes and the effects of weed invasion and undesirable vegetation on public lands.
(www.blm.gov/nhp/spotlight/vegEIS/vol2/PEIS_Appendix_G_RNEA__Alternative.pdf).

Sincerely,


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