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Greetings!

1 Are you and the BLM out of your wits? I think so! Why woory about foreign terrorism when we have you getting ready, you think, to unleash domestic terrorism, in the form of this unmitigated spraying of chemicals hell that you are proposing, in the name of "fire suppression" and "weed control?"

2 I think you have been listening to certain range interests too much. I am, of course, referring to your proposal to apply massive amounts of herbicides and pesticides to public lands in 17 western states. I repeat: ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR WITS? I SINCERELY DO THINK SO! This proposal not only has me enraged; I am representing the exact same opinion of 50 other people with this letter.

3 The widespread aerial spraying of toxic pesticides would have terrorist like effects on non-targeted vegetation, would severely pollute and poison all drinking water for humans and animals, for the forseeable future, would have a deleterious effect on salmon runs, wiping out the commercial fishing industry in coastal states, would poison and kill wildlife, tourists, recreationists, and anybody unlucky enough to be downwind of or in range of these proposed spraying operations!

4 And where is your head ? Where is your brain? If herbicides are included in this proposal, which I understand they are, then what happens when plants are sprayed? They die, they get brittle, and dead brittle plants tremendously increase the fire danger. I can't believe that ranchers would want their cattle to eat poisoned grass. This is why I can't understand where your mind is, and why I think you've gone out of your wits!

5 This proposal must die. It is terrorism against all of us. We (and I) support Alternative C, which means that this poisoning must not take place.

Very truly yours,

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