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Subject
Herbicide Vegetation Treatments

Brian Amme, Project Manager
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Re: BLM Programmatic EIS for Herbicide Vegetation Treatments in 17
Western States

Dear Public Official,

1 I have recently learned of the proposed herbicide spraying on BLM lands
in the western states for vegetation treatments. As a California
resident and user of public lands, I am writing to express my
disapproval of the large amounts of herbicides proposed in these plans.
I ask you to do everything in your power to stop the use of pesticides
on our public lands.

2 I am concerned that the BLM will be more than tripling its current
herbicide use, applying herbicides using both aerial and ground-based
methods, over forests, rangelands, grasslands, and aquatic natural
areas, totaling 932,000 sprayed acres annually. I do not approve of
this level of spraying, due to the persistent and mobile chemicals
3 involved, including known developmental and reproductive toxins.
Several of the herbicides proposed do even not have products currently
registered for use by the California by the Department of Pesticide
Regulation.

4 As a California resident and user of public lands I am concerned about
irreparable damage from exposure to these chemicals, both to myself and
to the public lands I enjoy. Non-target exposure negatively impacts
water quality, soil productivity, native vegetation and wildlife
(terrestrial and aquatic), native peoples (during plant gathering), and

workers (handlers), not to mention recreationalists and members of the public who use and live near these lands.

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Public land management should be based on long-term ecological health and the best science available, and should err on the side of safety and conservation. Non-herbicide vegetation treatment options are

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available. The long-term costs of these herbicide applications is unacceptable to the environment and to the people who live near and who use BLM public lands and natural areas.

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I urge you to support Alternative C, the no herbicide use alternative, in the Programmatic EIS.

Sincerely,

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