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Subject

Objection to Proposed BLM weed
control plan

I am writing to voice my objection to the proposed BLM weed control plan that proposes spraying some million acres in the coming year. The agency must adopt strong prevention-based practices for activities (livestock grazing, road construction and use, use of off-road vehicles, timber harvests, and fuel reduction projects) that encourage invasive plants. I have seen too much

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evidence of the damage to the environment from excessive chemical control, and

I have seen considerable success controlling weeds here by our county road crews using alternative methods, and I have my own experience as an organic farmer, that mechanical means, cover cropping etc. can control most weed problems. I am also aware of the work of Dr. Fred Provenza at Utah State, using selective grazing to control some weed problems. The agency needs to make a real commitment to reducing reliance on herbicides.

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Sincerely,
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