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Dear Brian,

I am writing concerning the EIS for herbicide use on BLM. As a weed manager I believe that it is important to have all the tools for weed management available for use.

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Responsible use of herbicides is critical if we are to stay abreast of the exploding population of invasive weeds that are moving across our public and private lands. These products have been tested and approved for use by EPA and if used in a prudent manner are an excellent tool for managing weeds and vegetation.

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I would therefore be very supportive of **Alternative B** where use of herbicides is concerned. It is important that we keep the door open for new chemistry when it is developed and it offers superior control and safety over current control measures. Already approved herbicides need to remain available as many of these offer unique opportunities to manage weeds while not damaging desired species.

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We need to keep all weed management options open, whether it be bio-control, mechanical, grazing or herbicides. Invasive weeds are a threat that will not go away and we need to keep all options for controlling them.

Respectfully,
Larry Walker
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