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Re: Comment on Vegetation treatment EIS

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We hereby submit for your review our written comment on the Draft *Vegetation Treatment Using Herbicides on BLM Lands in 17 Western States Programmatic EIS*. The District supports the proposed actions outlined and in particular the “preferred treatment” or alternative B.

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We strongly feel that the addition of the proposed new herbicides to the list, are vital to the success of any weed management plan. Sound weed management begins with having all the tools available at your disposal to initiate and carry on effective weed control. This District would greatly benefit from the addition of imazapic and diflufenzopyr/dicamba to our leafy spurge management arsenal on BLM administered lands. We also heavily rely on aerial application in our spurge program, both on and off public lands. Therefore, alternative B, which continues to allow the use of aerial application, is preferred for this reason as well.

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Noxious weed and invasive plant management on BLM lands is critical to the future of that resource. We support this initiative and the proposed actions in hopes that funding will make it reality.

Respectfully submitted,

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