

Public Input on BLM forest management of noxious weeds
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Dear Sir or Madam:

1 Please accept the following as public input on BLM forest management of noxious weeds.

2 Because noxious weeds are a serious threat to all public lands by destroying wild life feed sources, replacing them with unnatural weeds and because noxious weeds also decrease a forest's ability to resist wildfire, it is imperative that the BLM forest management practices include timely and effective responses to both existing weeds and new invaders.

3 We believe it is imperative that the BLM is authorized to use the most effective treatments possible, including all effective herbicide treatments to prevent the spread of noxious weeds. Failure to do so will result in our forests being overrun with noxious weeds, livestock vegetation destroyed, wild fire potential increase, and will also allow adjacent lands to be contaminated. Part of the BLM's responsibility in protecting our public lands is to protecting them from invasive weeds.

Thank you for this opportunity for input.

Yours truly,

Robin Stanley

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