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Subject

Please do not spray a million
acres of weeds

Brian Amme BLM Nevada State Office, and mention the "Vegetation
Treatments Using Herbicides Programmatic EIS."

Spraying is not an effective way to deal with the agency's invasive plant
problem. So far BLM has refused to consider the causes of invasive plant
problems. Instead, the agency is putting itself on a treadmill of pesticide
use.

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Livestock grazing, road construction and use, use of off-road vehicles,
timber harvests, and fuel reduction projects all encourage invasive weeds
on BLM land. BLM needs to change the way the agency manages these
activities in order to prevent invasive plant problems. BLM also needs to
make a strong commitment to reducing its reliance on herbicides.

You 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. BLM needs to make a specific measurable commitment to
reducing reliance on herbicides. There are healthy practices that don't
encourage the spread of weeds.

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