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1 I want to raise my voice to protest your plans to increase spraying of herbicides on forestlands.

This is not an effective way to deal with invasive plant problems. Use a little more people-power to control and prevent the spread of invasive plants, and you will win the gratitude of citizens everywhere. No one wants to have spontaneous abortions happen because their water and soil are contaminated, or dead zones in the forest, or sick children downhill and downriver.

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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. You need to change the way you manage these activities in order to prevent invasive plant problems. You also need to make a strong commitment to reducing its reliance on herbicides. It has been proven that plants develop resistance to repeated applications of herbicides, requiring stronger and more potent applications. People and animals who live near application sites exhibit serious health effects, and those who live near the places where these substances are manufactured have worse health problems.

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Let's end the cycle of dependence on poisonous chemicals.

Thank you.
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