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Subject

Comments re Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides Programmatic EIS

Brian Amme, Project Manager

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Dear Sir:

I learned through the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP), an organization I support, that the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to spray almost a million acres a year with herbicides to kill invasive plants. This apparently TRIPLES the agency's current herbicide use. This does not strike me as an effective way to deal with our invasive plant problem. If the BLM doesn't deal with the CAUSES of this problem, and 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, it's just putting itself on a never-ending treadmill of pesticide use. BLM should also make a strong, measurable commitment to REDUCING its reliance on herbicides, not increasing it! Really, there's plenty of information out there on ways to avoid pesticide use, even on such a massive scale.

Educating the public is critical. Most of us don't even think about how our activities exacerbate this problem. Posting signs describing the problem and asking that people clean off their shoes, dust their clothes for seeds, don't bushwhack, drive their bloody off-road vehicles only in designated areas, etc., might help somewhat. (Waldo Lake in Oregon is doing a good job in this regard.)

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Manage livestock grazing more selectively. Ranchers get such a free ride on BLM land...
Stop constructing roads in roadless areas! Clinton's Forest Plan had it right! Too bad Bush came along to undo us all.
Be more restrictive with off-road vehicle use (a tough one, I know, with so many jerks out there saying "it's a free country...")
NO MORE CLEARCUTS. OSU School of Forestry will NEVER convince me that this is a reasonable forestry practice.
Re-plant thinning and "fuel reduction" projects intelligently. See attached for what should be planted, and where.

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I know you don't want rude asides in a public comment document, but what the heck. I get so aggravated about how stupid and stiff-necked we humans continue to be in the face of what seems so obviously wrong to me!

Sincerely (I mean REALLY sincerely),

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----- Message from <SteveMcGettigan@ci.corvallis.or.us> on Fri, 30 Dec 2005 08:15:37 -0700 -----

Subject: FW: Volunteer during the Benton SWCD Native Plant Sale Feb 2006

Hello everyone, I hope all of you had an enjoyable Christmas weekend.

Below is an FYI for an opportunity to help the Friends of Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District - please pass on to anyone that might be interested.

Happy New Year!
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-----Original Message-----
From: Teresa Matteson [mailto:teresa.matteson@oacd.org]
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Subject: Volunteer during the Benton SWCD Native Plant Sale Feb 2006

Hello Friend of Benton SWCD

Please help us circulate the announcement below:

What: We are recruiting VOLUNTEERS to help with our Native Tree and Shrub Sale. For more information and the Sale order form visit <http://www.benton-swcd.org/publications> and click on Winter 2005-2006 Newsletter.

When: Thursday, Feb 2 through Sunday, Feb 5, 2006
Thursday and Friday - site preparation
Saturday and Sunday - help customers with orders, man stations for plant pick-up

Where: The sale is held at Eichler Hay Company, 3079 NE Garden Ave, Corvallis, East off Hwy 99, North of Circle Blvd.

Why: This sale provides low cost native plants for erosion control, windbreaks, riparian restoration, reforestation, wildlife habitat enhancement and/or naturoscaping. Proceeds will go to scholarships for high school and undergraduate students!!!

If you are interested in helping, please call the Benton SWCD office at (541) 753-7208 or email office@benton-swcd.org.

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