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BLM
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Dear Brian

1 I live on 40 acres on the S/W side of Hawthorne and am enjoying my senior years watching and keeping track of all the various insects and wildlife in our desert. When you talk about using toxic poisins in our high desert and forest lands it makes me very angry. 2 My first thoughts are for the effects these sprays or powders?, will have on our wildlife and the reproduction of their young. Then there the concerns of the grasses that a lot of these animals depend on for food and what do they use for sustenance when you kill it all off? 3 Then you mention cattle grazing lands that are in BLM areas, what effect do these herbicides have on our beef steer? 4 Anything akin to what it did to our Vietnam vets? Our gov.

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took a long time taking any responsibility for the damage done to our soldiers dropping defoliants in their midst. I've seen with my own eyes the unhealing sores on vets legs that was attributed to these chemicals. How can you be a part of screwing up the beautiful eco system here in Nevada with such stupid ideas as using herbicides? I cannot believe anyone who has been educated in our schools since the 70's could be so <u>uneducated</u>. I do hope you receive enough protests against the use of such chemicals that it will bring about some new ideas because this is clearly unacceptable. On behalf of all the bees, hummingbirds, cottontails, jackrabbits, kangaroo rats, chipmunks, etc. etc. etc.

Very Sincerely,
Susan Maple

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