



February 7, 2006

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RE: "Vegetation Treatments..." PEIS via FAX 775-861-0006

Gentlepersons,

1 I am very concerned about the Bureau of Land Management's "Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides on Bureau of Land Management Lands in 17 Western States Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement" (DEIS) and "Vegetation Treatments on Bureau of Land Management Lands in 17 Western States Programmatic Environmental Report" (PER), which each propose the widespread spraying of herbicides on public lands in the western U.S.

2 The use of herbicides will pollute the air, land, water, and wildlife found on our public lands. I oppose taxpayer subsidized use of poisons as a method of weed control. Not only will herbicides contaminate our environment, but herbicide spraying refuses to address the causes of weed invasion and treats only the symptoms.

3 I urge the BLM to consider using passive restoration as a means of preventing weed invasion and resting areas of public land where weed growth is fostered by overgrazing and rampant off-road vehicles. Furthermore, the BLM should analyze the Restore Native Ecosystems Alternative in the DEIS/PER, a citizens' alternative submitted to the BLM that addresses both the causes and the effects of weed invasion and undesirable vegetation on public lands.

4 Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Tim McKay, executive director