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Attention Brian Amme, project manager of BLM,

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It has come to my attention that the BLM has plans to spray toxic pesticides on forest land in 17 states to get rid of the "weeds" (ie. The native wild plant populations) in order to make them into grasslands for cows. That the BLM tried to slip this law to spray massive amounts of chemicals on public lands in it's trust is illegal and immoral. I hope that the illegal nature of this improper use of our public lands is rectified immedietly or in all justice the BLM is incapable and incompetent to be trustees of our national forests and should step down and let experts that understand and respect our national forest lands and it's wildlife replace it.

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Cows should never have been allowed in public forest lands in the first place. The Animal Damage Control and welfare ranching on forest lands has resulted in the decimation of predator species that understandably eat the prey in their protected land and have decimated innocent animals that get caught in the traps and poisons by the thousands contributing to wildlife imbalance and extinction. This war on nature that is causing widespread extinction seems the intentional intention of BLM. To get rid of the wild life and forests so that it can become grasslands for cows is an outrage! This ignorance is so dire that I doubt there is any intention to protect the wildlife but only a pathetic, shortsighted effort to line a few ranchers pockets at the expense of all the wildlife in America. All wildlife is already squeezed out and endangered due to human over expansion and these national forests should function as wildlife refuges for these endangered species.

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Spraying 17 states worth of forest service land with pesticides and fire retardants is a hair brained idea in that the downwinders to this drift, the workers on the public lands and all animals and plants in the area will be harmed or eventually decimated! What is poisonous to plants or insects is poisonous to humans as Caesar Chavez found with the migrant workers getting hideous diseases, the may fly spaying in California was causing people to drop like flies, especially those with allergies and so was stopped. Many workers in greenhouses, one I know personally at Paynes nursery in Santa Fe, died of nerve damage due to the use of pesticides in his store. Do not do this to us, to our elderly and children, the children in uterus and the newborn are especially vulnerable to mutation. Stop this idea of spraying our wildlife for any reason. Have you noticed that there are no honney toads after the nuclear fires in Los Alamos? The frogs are especially sensitive to harsh chemicals and what were once ordinary sightings of animals are becoming more and more rare. To have a world denuded of the diversity of species due to incredible folly is our fate if we continue on such an erroneous way of destroying everything in human path. A world with just cows and grass is not O.K. with most Americans who consistently call for environmental laws to protect wildlife.

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Pick the option C in this bill and I request an extension of the hearings to do a proper environmental impact statement. BLM should not be allowed to carelessly spray

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national forests with toxic pesticides or fire retardants. I say stop this incredible folly immediately and never bring up such a disastrous idea again! Work closely with the organic consumers organizations and with wildlife experts who have the forest health at heart, not money. Most of the uses of the forests have brought no real money into our economy.

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I want to see a BLM policy where our plants are protected and their spiritual integrity is treasured and honored. I want to see BLM and others as stewards of all life. They must protect the innocence of plants and animals. We should see ourselves as stewards of all life with commitment and compassion, humility, cooperation, meekness and gratitude. I hope that our nation, our planet is blessed with wisdom to realize there's a limit to science. Science needs to be in harmony with nature. We need to see the beauty, spiritual grace in all things and to respect the spiritual in all life. We as humans need to respect the integrity and right to life of all creatures. We need to protect all humans right to clean water, air and land. As a Baha'I I feel that God's spiritual

qualities are present in all creation and we need to honor that spiritual essence and not trample on it. It's a blessing for us to be alive.

7 I ask for BLM to call for freedom from bondage of the other beings that share our planet. I am asking for peace to our world, for healing and the existence of orderly communication between humans and all other life forms. I am praying that our species can with grace get along with all other life forms. **Nature is not our enemy to be destroyed but our ally in that it reflects God's glory, is our brother and sisters in being also created by God. Nature is a place of peace, healing, refuge and inspiration for all humans and must be protected.** Humans lived with animals and plant for millions of years and without nature in all it's aspects humans go insane (book Magical Child) Nature is our matrix and intrical to the health of man in that it creates our air, water and nutrients. We need to manage our planet's soil, water and air with tremendous integrity. We call in light and wisdom so that toxic chemicals such as your plan to spray 17 states, don't infiltrate our air, water and soul with toxic chemicals that kill and maime all life on it.

8 I, as a citizen and co owner of these public lands demand that the pollution and use of these toxins be controlled and stopped by international and national laws that protect all eco systems and all wildlife on our earth. I expect that public awareness be raised as to the toxic nature of toxic pesticides and its widespread destruction to the chain of life of which we are apart. I expect that the organizations with responsibility to care, take care of our forests lands and I wouldn't expect that they would ever put toxic chemicals on our public forest national wildlife lands without extensive public comment or consent.

9 If pesticide use on wild forest service lands were exposed openly BLM must know the public would never consent to such spraying pesticides and weed killers on national wild crafting areas. Millions of people make a living from such wildcrafting such as artists and herb gatherers. These areas also are research areas for many students and scientist who are doing research such as my brother who is protecting native plant populations of endangered osha and this is his life work. Some branches of the government is giving valuable grants to protect the medicinal usage of wild herbs and would be appalled at such abuse of wildlife including plants which are going extinct due to cattle eating the tender wild herbs into extinction and also trampling fragile plants at stream banks, cattle ranching on public lands being the main cause of animal and plant extinction at this time must be stopped and all cattle removed from our forest lands.

10 I expect that the use of toxic chemicals in our oceans and forests be curtailed. I expect that we will have the wisdom to connect our hearts, to know that in our inter-connective ness we are apart of the web of life. I call in blessings for healing to our country and world. I can see that not heeding the warnings of our natural scientists who have integrity and the Native Americans have gotten along with these original non human inhabitants of these forests and The recent 200 encroachment on wildlife has resulted in decimation of ecosystems and species that have existed for millions of years in peace in just 200 years. Machines that can't reproduce and play or feel and domestic animals and over civilization of human communities should never invade or enslave or poison or abuse the wild populations that have God given rights to exist in the biological environment to which they must exist. In nature is the preservation of the whole earth. Since we are interconnected if you spray nature you spray everyone in the western states.

11 I am a mother dealing with a child who is mentally ill and the incidence of mental illness rises with the toxic irritants in the environment bring stress reactions to the human brain in that toxins can pass the blood brain barrier and become cranial allergies that cause mental illness and schizophrenia. Take this into consideration that pollutants are invading our livers and making small children have the toxic loads of 80 year olds. BLM must not contribute to the pollution of our public lands but in fact must at all costs keep our forests clean and prestine. Take action to prevent this pesticide diseaster before it happens and do not pass any laws that allow spraying of pesticides in any amount or form or any fire retardants on our public lands.

Sincerely

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