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Travis G Moseley, Forest Supervisor
c/o Peggy Luensmann
Lincoln National Forest
3463 Las Palomas Road
Alamogordo, NM 88310

RE: Public Scoping on Integrated Non-Native Invasive Plant Management Project Draft
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Moseley:

The Otero Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico made up of seven volunteers and one staff member. Part of our mission statement is to help effectively manage our natural resources in Otero County. The Otero SWCD has the following comments in support of Alternative B:

1. Alternative B enables the Lincoln National Forest to consider all treatment options available, using the best available science and adaptive management strategies.
2. Alternative B also gives the Lincoln National Forest the most flexibility to incorporate new technology and treatment methods. Several new herbicides have been developed that may provide better control and environmental safety than older formulations.
3. Alternative B also encourages the Lincoln National Forest to work with other agencies to plan landscape scale treatment areas. This would provide better control/suppression of species being treated.

Sincerely,



Victoria A. Milne
District Manager