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Opportunity to comment on Lincoln National Forest non-native invasive plant project

Ms. Roemmich:

We appreciate your proposal addressing invasive plants and the opportunity to comment.

You are addressing a difficult issue. We would hope you could be able to champion integrative approaches to combat invasive plants and minimize the use of herbicides as proposed.

1. A wide variety of chemicals and mixes are cited. We acknowledge many can be found at local retailers and can be found on private lands. We request you consult Safety Data Sheets' references, independent third-party evaluations of safety, and public input before any use.
2. We encourage integrating with non-herbicide alternatives and target specific problems to maximize effectiveness and minimize cross-contamination by chemicals.
3. Please contact neighboring landowners beforehand regarding those with honey bees, other beneficial insects, non-endangered animals, and human health issues.
4. We request no mechanized, broadcast avionic or conveyance based applications. These would be extremely hard to prevent cross-contamination.

Other concerns:

We would appreciate coordinating efforts with surrounding land owners to maximize improvements. We have already been attempting to improve habitat and minimize invasive species.

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