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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Sidney Gordon I am the Otero County Cooperative Extension Agriculture Agent. I am submitting the following comments on the proposed project 31150 for Integrated Non-Native Plant Management. I have been in a position to have directly addressed this issue in the County based upon four years of hands-on involvement with the Invasive Weed Management Group. It is important that we use the safest and most effective methods available for invasive weed management that the given population of the environment allows.

After review of the three proposed options (A, B and C) in my professional opinion, I am strongly in favor of option B. This option enables the Forest Service to consider all treatment options in the context of evidence based science available via University studies and it underscores environmental safety and efficacy. I sincerely feel that anything short of this could limit the control of invasive species and have ineffective results that would create larger issues with our non-Native plant issues within the County. If resources are to be expended on this project, I strongly encourage the application of the most effective methods that science can provide in an effort to work towards positive outcomes.

Thank you for this consideration,

Sidney Gordon

Otero County Extension Agent