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Hello,
Attached is my comment on the invasive plants/weeds. I would like an email as a response to know that you received my comments.
Thanks, Charla

Comment on Invasive Weed Control

Hello, my name is Charla Johnson and I am a permittee on the Santa Fe National Forest. I believe we do need weed control. We need to use the best method for that type of weed whether it is herbicides or removing them by hand. As a permittee I treat the forest as it is part of my yard.

The people need to be made aware of the different toxic weeds. I have seen people pick the weeds because they have a pretty bloom not knowing how toxic the weeds are to people and animals. I have also seen hunters just drive their 4 wheelers through the weeds. Which that means they are carrying the weed seeds on the tires and distributing them elsewhere. Also hikers and horseback riders do the same thing.

The salt cedar and Russian Olive trees, they just invade everywhere and take a lot of water. Those 2 trees need to be removed from the stream and river banks. Where those are grown you cannot you have to be careful where you cross the water banks.

The thistle is another huge mess. I understand that it is not only the people that distribute the seeds. The birds do that as well. We treat the thistle on our other land. It is treatable if you work at it.

My biggest complaint about the weeds is that everyone just rides, walks and pick them. Those people are not realizing that they are transplanting everywhere.

I feel the most productive method of controlling the invasive weed by using herbicides.