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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as an American citizen about the Humboldt-Toiyabe Integrated Invasive Plant Treatment Project #53031.

First, based on the growing problems of weed resistance to herbicides and of collateral harm to non-targeted plants and other organisms, I feel that herbicide use should be restricted whenever possible rather than a first treatment. Under no circumstances should aerial spraying be used. Aerial spraying is too indiscriminate and too dangerous to those who might be working or recreating in the forest. According to Table 2 of the Scoping Letter Attachment 1, aerial spraying would affect 10,000 acres per year of the treatment plan. I do not support this action.

Secondly, it appears that the Forest Service is relying on herbicide application, both ground and aerial, as the primary means of treating invasive plants over most of the treatment area (see Table 2, previously mentioned). Only a fraction of the areas will be treated by other means. This hardly constitutes an integrated approach. I suggest using mechanical and treatments other than herbicides as a means of combating the invasives, rather than relying primarily on herbicides.

Again, I recommend against aerial spraying of herbicides altogether and a more integrated approach to treatment of invasive plants.

Thank you for the chance to comment.

Sincerely,
Danielle Judd