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Comments: As a citizen of Arizona, I am currently witnessing the outbreak of an invasive species, stinknet, throughout the Phoenix-metro area. Because of this, I am in support of the preferred alternative for undesirable plant species management in Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands, and in any location for that matter. I assume myself a stakeholder in the matter due to my personal struggle with invasive species control in my own state. Dealing with an invasive or undesirable species is something that needs to be handled in order to help our ecosystem flourish- thus I am in agreement that through early detection rapid response, monitoring areas, and the addition of biological, chemical, mechanical control, and prescribed fire, natural vegetation may flourish again without the restraints of undesirable noxious weeds, invasive species, weeds, non-native plants, and invasive native species. I believe these techniques will be beneficial to helping broaden management techniques for undesirable species. Through the implementation of the preferred alternative, I hope to see other states and locations be inspired to make these updates to their undesirable plant management strategies as well. I believe the Forest Service's involvement as the lead agency to combat these issues will help the growth of local plant species, which in turn may benefit local animal species. I believe that through the implementation of the preferred action, it will adhere to the threats to biodiversity and ecological diversity to the landscape in order for it to flourish and restore functionality to local habitats and plant communities. Being able to see native, non-invasive, plant species flourish within the Nebraska National Forest and Grasslands will not only be positive for species in the area, but for myself and presumably for local citizens to witness the regrowth of natural vegetation of the area.