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Dear Madam/Sir,

With out going into to much detail.... Raised to the highest level of priority, Multi-Species-Targeted-Grazing should be used, as well as mechanical and biological control methods in and around areas where people recreate and live. Large buffer zones away from human habitation ares should be of high priority where pesticides (herbicides) are to be used.

I would like to see the list of newly selected herbicide products that are to be possibly used on Public Lands. Newly approved herbicides such as Change-Up have not been tested for Classifications regarding its possible carcinogenic or endocrine disrupters possibilities on human health.

The use of 2,4-D is an archaic practice. The U.S. Veterans affairs list of disease associated with

2,4-D and 2,4,5-T (banned since 1985) the two components of Agent Orange are as follows directly off the VA website below....

<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/>

* <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/al_amyloidosis.asp> AL Amyloidosis

A rare disease caused when an abnormal protein, amyloid, enters tissues or organs

* <<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/bcell-leukemia.asp>> Chronic B-cell Leukemias

A type of cancer which affects white blood cells

* <<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/chloracne.asp>> Chloracne (or similar acneform disease)

A skin condition that occurs soon after exposure to chemicals and looks like common forms of acne seen in teenagers. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of exposure to herbicides.

* <<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/diabetes.asp>> Diabetes Mellitus Type 2

A disease characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to respond properly to the hormone insulin

* <<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/hodgkins.asp>> Hodgkin's Disease

A malignant lymphoma (cancer) characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen, and by progressive anemia

* <<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/ischemicheartdisease.asp>> Ischemic Heart Disease

A disease characterized by a reduced supply of blood to the heart, that leads to chest pain

* <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/multiple_myeloma.asp> Multiple Myeloma

A cancer of plasma cells, a type of white blood cell in bone marrow

* <<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/nonhodgkinslymphoma.asp>> Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue

* <<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/parkinsonsdisease.asp>> Parkinson's Disease

A progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects muscle movement

* <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/peripheral_neuropathy.asp> Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset

A nervous system condition that causes numbness, tingling, and motor weakness. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of herbicide exposure.

* <<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/porphyria-cutanea-tarda.asp>> Porphyria Cutanea Tarda

A disorder characterized by liver dysfunction and by thinning and blistering of the skin in sun-exposed areas. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of exposure to herbicides.

* <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/prostate_cancer.asp> Prostate Cancer

Cancer of the prostate; one of the most common cancers among men

* <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/respiratory_cancers.asp> Respiratory Cancers (includes lung cancer)

Cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus

* <<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/soft-tissue-sarcoma.asp>> Soft Tissue Sarcomas (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)

A group of different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues

- See more at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/#sthash.A9VUKxMQ.dpuf>

In addition the VA has given over \$2.2 Billion in retroactive Agent Orange Benefits paid to over 89,000 Vietnam Veterans and Survivors for the above listed health conditions attributed to exposure to 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T and trace contamination to Dioxin. See US Department of Veterans Affairs website link for full article.

<http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2154>

Noxious weeds will never be fully eradicated but the choices made to control them should be the safest of all possibilities to be used to insure human health and safety.

Thank You,

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