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Re: EA for the CdAFO Vegetation Treatment Program

Thank you for soliciting our comments. The Kinnikinnick Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society supports your goal of reducing the spread and impact of exotic, invasive weeds on native ecosystems. Noxious weeds are the single greatest threat to our native habitats and sensitive species.

We consider prevention the most successful form of weed control and will be very interested in the management, education and cooperative activities that will be part of your plan. An early detection/rapid response program to stop new invaders is most important. Focusing on infestation pathways has the potential to be effective.

We are interested in your revegetation plans after spraying. Too often they include non-native species, or non-local ones. BLM botanist Roger Rosentreter points out that it is important to revegetate with a variety of locally native species that fill the soil and air niches (i.e. a variety of rooting depths and patterns) to preclude weeds reestablishing a foothold.

[Please](#) include aquatic as well as terrestrial weeds in your EA.

We are very interested in the analysis of impacts (positive and negative) your program may have on sensitive plant species. Please keep us on your mailing list and informed of your progress.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Conservation Committee