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Dear Interested Party,

The Wildlife Society is writing to endorse the creation and implementation of the Western Weed Action Plan, published in coordination with the Western Association of State Departments of Agriculture, Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and USDA Forest Service.

Founded in 1937, TWS and its network of affiliated chapters and sections represent more than 15,000 professional wildlife biologists, managers, and educators dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship. TWS' mission is to inspire, empower, and enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and habitat through science-based management and conservation.

Western wildlife professionals at all levels of governance fight the advance of invasive and noxious weeds in the conservation and management of wildlife habitat. This action plan was created through consultation with a host of natural resource professionals working within and in partnership with government agencies, ensuring buy-in from multiple parties.

This investment from a diverse set of stakeholders on a multifaceted approach to western weed management provides an actionable path forward on one of the greatest natural resource challenges facing the western U.S. We look forward to its adoption by agencies and partners, alongside future investment in review of these techniques to ensure the document's relevancy into the future.

Sincerely,

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