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Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument  
669 South Highway 89 A  
Kanab, UT 84741  
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In reply refer to:  
1790-1 (UT-030)

July 10, 2015

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental effects of noxious weed and invasive plant management as proposed by GSENM. The discussion and analysis focusses on Utah State listed noxious weeds and invasive plants, as well as invasive plants of particular concern in riparian areas such as tamarisk and Russian olive. This EA considers the use of all BLM approved pesticides (2,4-D, bromacil, chlorsulfuron, clopyralid, dicamba, diuron, glyphosate, hexazinone, imazapyr, metsulfuron methyl, picloram, sulfometuron, methyl, tebuthiuron, and triclopyr), including new approved chemicals (imazapic, diquat, diflufenzopyr [in formulation with dicamba], and fluridone) and will incorporate those that may be approved by the BLM in the future such as diflufenzopyr as a stand-alone active ingredient if it becomes registered by the USEPA under FIFRA. This EA documents the analysis and discloses impacts that are predicted to occur as a result of implementing the proposed action or an alternative to the proposed action. This EA assists the BLM in project planning and ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The project area includes all public lands within GSENM; these lands are within Garfield and Kane Counties.

The EA describes the affected environment and discusses potential impacts of the project on the human environment. Issues and concerns expressed by the public have been considered in the analysis.

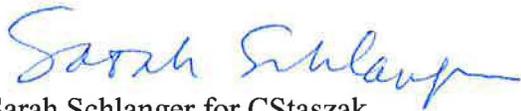
A copy of the EA is available on the project website at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=61772> or by searching the NEPA Register ([https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa\\_register.do](https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do)). A hardcopy of the EA may be obtained by contacting Richard Madril at the email address or number provided below or by visiting the GSENM Headquarters Office located at 669 South Hwy 89A, Kanab, Utah or the Escalante Interagency Visitor Center located at 755 West Main Street, Escalante, Utah. To be considered, reviewers should provide the Bureau of Land Management with their comments during the official review period for the EA, which extends for 30 days from the date of this letter.

Written comments should be sent to: Richard Madril, Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, 669 S. HWY 89A, Kanab, Utah 84741 or by fax; (435) 644-1250. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal

identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Your interest in the management of your public lands is appreciated. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Richard Madril, Assistant Monument Manager - Resources at [rmadril@blm.gov](mailto:rmadril@blm.gov) or 435-644-1200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Schlanger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Cynthia Staszak  
Monument Manager