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Reply to: 1950/2320

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Dear Concerned Citizen:

The Cobalt Ranger District of the Salmon National Forest proposes to develop a program for the control and eradication of noxious weed populations that exist within the portion of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness that the Cobalt Ranger District administers. An environmental analysis is being initiated in order to determine the best methods for dealing with this problem. The noxious weed control program would be initiated in April of 1995.

Noxious weeds are a pernicious sign of human influence. They can negatively impact wildlife and fisheries habitat, watershed stability, plant biodiversity, recreation opportunities, and overall wilderness values. Noxious weeds may be the single greatest threat to nonforested native ecosystems.

Cobalt Ranger District would use an Integrated Pest Management approach to deal with this significant problem. The Integrated Pest Management approach involves using the full array of tools available for the prevention of establishment and control of noxious weeds. Some of these tools can be, but are not limited to: education and information, herbicide application, hand pulling, and biological methods. Site specific characteristics of each noxious weed population would be used to determine the best tool to be applied.

If you have questions or comments concerning this proposal, please contact Clinton Groll, Cobalt Ranger District, P.O. Box 729, Salmon, Idaho 83467, (208) 756-2240. To be most useful in this process, comments should be received by July 15, 1994.

Sincerely,

for Russell S. Bjorklund
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