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Hello Orin!

My name is Gary Page, I am Weed Inspector for Malheur County. I received by email the invitation to comment on the Lane County IVM Program. I guess I was not aware that you were in an herbicide moratorium and I am relieved to hear that the county is considering at least limited herbicide use. I am certainly in agreement that we need to be judicious with any chemical use and we try to be as conservative as possible here. Given our limited resources it is not cost effective or possible to mechanically treat roadside weeds, so we usually end up spraying about 75% of the 1400 road miles. On the matter of the Permitted Products List, I am curious why the list was not by chemistry instead of branded name. If you have an opportunity to purchase these chemistries from a different manufacturer at a reduced price could you do that. All but one of these products is available in the so called generic form due to patent expirations at sometimes much lower cost than the branded products.

I am very encouraged to hear that Lane County is in the process of establishing a noxious weed program. This topic of the many counties that are doing little to curb the expansion of non-indigenous plants has been a concern to those counties that have had active programs for many years. Counties like Lane and Douglas and the several others that were so well funded in the past have not been sharing the burden carried by the majority of the much poorer Eastern Oregon counties who have been maintaining at least some degree of noxious weed program. I will try to get a formal comment on the proposed IVM Program and send that to you. Good luck and thanks for reading this.

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