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(Editor's note: The following untitled article appeared at the end of the symposium proceedings. The author's name was not given.)

The help of the Old West Regional Commission could be very effective in the "organizational" and "educational" aspects, as described at the Workshop on June 27. Once direction is set, I'm sure other groups will be willing to help.

I suggest that a well-written Executive Summary be part of the Workshop Report. Properly prepared, this can be of tremendous help to legislators in gathering support for dollars to assist public and private land owners and managers in meeting the costs of control.

During a recent assignment to Washington, D.C., I was exposed to a joint U.S.-Mexico project aimed at reducing desertification of rangelands in southwest United States and northern Mexico. President Carter visited Mexico to garner support for this antidesertification program. I am convinced that the relative productiveness of rangelands of northern United States and southern Canada are much greater than those in the "Antidesertification" zone, and that leafy spurge is an equal or greater threat than desertification. Therefore, I believe we need to promote a joint U.S.-Canadian effort on an international scale equal to or greater than that between U.S. and Mexico.

I am currently serving on an interagency Task Force established by Assistant Secretary Rupert M. Cutler to establish goals and policy of the Department of Agriculture as they relate to rangelands as a natural resource. Part of this exercise is to establish the role and mission of each agency in addressing rangelands. I am also involved in the SEA-AR Range Research Planning Project. Leafy spurge is included in the draft copies of both of these reports.

If each of us injects leafy spurge control into the discussion—oral or written—whenever the opportunity arises, I believe we can sell our case.