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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you about the possible oil and gas leasing near the Ruby Mountains.

I have been an Elko County resident for 84 years and I want you to know that enough is enough. I had my doubts when the mines went into North Fork Canyon. Now I am wondering if there is anything sacred but the Almighty dollar. We need to protect our forest places from drilling and empty holes.

Please leave our Ruby Mountains alone for future generations. We have fewer and fewer scenic spots left in northeastern Nevada that are not impacted by mining and exploration. I do not want to see oil and gas infringe on these beautiful areas.

I am writing to ask that the Forest Service protect these 54,000 acres of land near the Ruby Mountains from oil and gas exploration.

Sincerely,

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