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Mr. Nicholes.

I am responding in reference to the proposed "Ruby Oil and Gas Project", #52443. I will repeat what I stated with my comment that I submitted in October of 2017.

I find it incredibly hard to believe, and am indeed frightened, by the fact that the Forest Service would even consider the idea of opening and exposing our precious Ruby Mountains, the jewel of Nevada, to the abuse involved with oil and gas exploration. This and not to mention the horrible thought of what would happen to our mountains, Lamoille Valley and the surrounding communities if oil and/or gas were actually found. I think that we all know that that there is no amount of either one of these products to make it worth this abomination, especially when we question the existence of a worthy amount of any quality product. I ask what is the real goal involved here?

The thought of this exploitation is intolerable. Is nothing held sacred any longer? The almighty dollar seems to rule over the beauty of our country that should be left to our children. I thought that the original purpose of establishing National Forests was about preserving them for the nature of their beauty and their wildlife, not for future exploitation in the search for profit. I ask, who profits in the long run?

The effects of such projects on our water shed, our wildlife, our natural balance, what is left of it, and not to mention, our ranching community and the Lamoille Valley are more than unbearable to consider. I would hope that this project is not allowed to proceed now or in the future.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Blackstock".

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