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Comments: Dear Sir or Madam,

I am submitting this comment on the proposal to make National Forest lands in the Ruby Mountains of northeast Nevada available for oil and gas leasing.

I have spent many days hiking throughout the Ruby Mountains, including areas in this proposal. The Ruby Mountains are the scenic and wilderness gem of Nevada. Oil and gas leasing would devastate the scenic, recreational, wilderness and wildlife values of the Ruby Mountains. The drill pads, roads, drilling equipment, well equipment, powerlines, pipelilnes, nighttime lights, and other production equipment would industrialize this remote and wild area.

In addition to the direct impacts on the lands leased for oil and gas, there are secondary impacts on the surrounding wild lands, including enormous disruption of the scenic views from surrounding areas, disruption of wildlife migration corridors, possible erosion and sedimentation of creeks downstream, and possible closure of public access.

Leasing for oil and gas in the Ruby Mountains is a terrible idea that would create enormous environmental impact. Please do everything you can to stop this proposal.

Sincerely,
Phil Farrell