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Comments: Please consider this message as our comment on the Ruby Mountains Oil and Gas Leasing Availability Analysis #52443. We are opposed to any oil/gas leasing in this proposed area. We have visited this region of Nevada several times, and we have friends in Nevada who know it well. The Ruby Mountains contain crucial habitat for the Lahontan cutthroat trout and for one of the largest mule deer herds in the country. The proposed oil/gas leases overlap and threaten the integrity of three contiguous roadless areas, and overlap an additional 11,000 acres of the Pearl Peak Roadless Area, an area that has long been under consideration for designation as wilderness. Please abandon this leasing proposal, in the interest of protecting fish and wildlife habitat and wilderness values. Thank you for considering our thoughts. Sincerely, George & Frances Alderson