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Comments: Dear Forest Service, Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, Jarbidge Ranger District -

I oppose the leasing of 54,00 acres of USFS land in the Ruby Mountains for gas and oil extraction.

The Ruby Mountains provide critical habitat for Nevada's state fish, the Lahontan cutthroat trout, and one of the largest mule deer herds in the country. Though your stipulations discuss these resources, the potential for long term damage to these critical habitat areas can't be predicted or mitigated once accrued. The proposed oil and 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. Important regions that entice a visitor, like myself (both recreationally and spiritually) from outside the state of Nevada, to visit this particular Forest and its accompanying cities and towns.

Thank you for your time.

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