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Comments: 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 of oil and gas exploration!! 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 establishing National Forests was about preserving them.

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, are more than unbearable to consider.

I would hope that this project is not allowed to proceed now or in the future.

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