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John R. Baldwin, District Ranger

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Re: Ruby Mountain Analysis

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

This letter is in regards to the 26 parcels of land, in the Ruby Mountains, the Forest Service is analyzing for impacts before being made available to the Bureau of Land Management for proposed oil and gas leasing. The South Fork Band is objecting to these 54,000 acres being made available for the destructive practices which oil and gas leasing produces.

This area includes water ways which have been historically used by our people and are still being utilized today not only by Te-Moak Tribal members but by members of numerous other tribes. These areas are also known for growing various ethno botanical species Native people still harvest for nourishment, healing, and spiritual/cultural practices.

There are four parcels which are in very close proximity to our reservation lands and this is of major concern to us. The impact on wildlife and water used by the residents of our community would be harmed irreparably by the implementation of oil and gas drilling. T.32 N., R57 E., Sec. 34 touches South Fork's NE corner and parcels T.32 N., R.57 E., 35-36, 24-27, and 12-13 are close enough to cause immediate harm to our daily lives.

Our people still utilize these lands and their historical value to us is immeasurable. The possible leasing of this

land would have a significant impact on our cultural and spiritual practices and we hope this is taken into heavy consideration when analyzing this area.

Sincerely,

Tyler Reynolds, Chairman