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Susan, I am opposed to even considering allowing leasing land in the Ruby Mountains for oil and gas for the following reasons:

1. The Rubies are the showcase of our area. They are the first place we take guests visiting here. Do we really want drill roads, and drill rigs on the mountain side NO.
2. Lamoille Canyon is a designated "Scenic\Byway". Why would we allow oil and gas leases to even be considered (allotment south of Lamoille Creek). NO.
3. The Ruby Crest trail stretches over 30 miles from Lamoille Canyon to Harrison Pass. do I want to hike that and up on a drill road (or a do not trespass sign at a drill rig) at Harrison pass. NO.
4. The Rubies are enjoyed by thousands of people (Hikers, hunters, skiers, fishermen, artists) every year. Why would we even think of allowing oil & gas on these mountains. NO.
5. We live at the base of the Rubies, and live off of a private well. With the questionable science behind fracking do we even want the possibility of oil and gas drilling in our back door. NO.

Please know that I am a 40 year local resident as well as a taxpayer that pays for the existence of the Forest Service and the BLM. And I am not alone.

Respectfully, Al Schindler