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Comments: Ruby Oil and Gas

Dear Ms Elliott,

We are writing to urge a NO vote on the proposed leasing of Oil and Gas Options in the Ruby Mountains.

We have backpacked in the Ruby Mountains to Liberty Lake and beyond and still remember the miraculous fact that such an island of unique habitat exists in the desert.

The Ruby Mountains are a rare treasure that need to be protected for hiking, backpacking, hunting, and fishing. Oil and Gas projects would change this pristine area in ways that could not be reversed. The Ruby Mountains are a draw for wilderness users that benefits the Elko area-lodging, groceries, etc. The damage from Oil and Gas projects is unacceptable.

Respectfully,

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