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Comments: Re: Ruby Oil and Gas (my name was inadvertently missing from first draft sent)

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> On Oct 15, 2017, at 12:34 AM, Kenneth Harriman <kenharriman@frontiernet.net> wrote:

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> I am very concerned about the potential oil mining in the Ruby Mountains. This pristine forested area, especially near Harrison Pass, should remain a public access area for citizens to enjoy some of the most beautiful mountains in our "backyard." Not only would oil exploration and eventual production permanently spoil and scar this pristine mountain environment, it would probably impede access to Ruby Lake. I fear that potential environmental disasters could impact the extremely sensitive Ruby Marsh eco-system. I am adamantly opposed to any mining activity in the entire Ruby range. I want my grandchildren to enjoy the beauty and unimpeded enjoyment of this unique mountain oasis that is so rare in the high desert of the Great Basin. Please advise me of other means to oppose the potential travesty. I believe the Round Mountain mine has already infringed on my rights to enjoy this section of Elko and White Pine County and this oil mining proposal would be worse. It could greatly impact the intricate mountain spring system that feeds Ruby Lake, and it would be unforgivable if significant changes occurred in the sensitive system that provides water to the marshes. As the Forest Service was created to maintain the natural resources for public appreciation, I believe it is your solemn responsibility to protect this environment so that future generations can continue benefit from these public lands.

Sincerely,

Ken Harriman, 3rd Generation Elko Resident

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