

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 4/7/2018 10:39:48 PM

First name: Sheri

Last name: Kuticka

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I have read that the Forest Service is analyzing the impacts of making available for lease approximately 54,000 acres of National Forest System (NFS) land in the Ruby Mountains portion of the District. If made available, these lands may be proposed for oil and gas leasing by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in a future BLM lease sale.

I am very much opposed to this sale. At this time there is no lack of oil and gas in this country. There are numerous sources without destroying this beautiful area. I have spent some time hiking the Rubies because they are so beautiful. I live in California but am willing to travel to the Rubies in order to find solitude and wilderness there. It is the only place I have ever heard sage grouse. What we need in this country is wilderness. We can not make more. Once it is ruined, it is gone. We have plenty of time to decide in the future if we need the oil and gas here. Please, for now, leave it alone. I understand the country is currently in the hands of people who can only understand the value of money, but actually there is value in wilderness and beauty too.