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Comments: I understand 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, and that 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 would like to express my opposition to making these lands available for oil and gas leasing. This is a National Forest and it should be limited to forest uses. Oil and gas exploration and development are not forest friendly uses. I am particularly concerned about the proposed lands in the southern portion of the map provided as they stretch clear across the mountain and if disturbed would essentially cut/fragment this section of forest into two parts. Please be judicious and conservative in your analysis. These lands are in the public trust and should not be made available for lease without careful consideration of the potential negative consequences on the landscape, watersheds, and wildlife of the area.