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Comments: Dear Toiyabe National Forest and USFS state and national office:

I am very worried about the reinitiation of the Ruby oil and gas pipeline and very much oppose its approval. This pipeline would cause much habitat destruction and wild result in the further fragmentation of habitat for many species, including those threatened or endangered with extinction. I am also concerned with how this pipeline would disrupt the migration patterns of land-bound animals such as pronghorn, elk, deer and wild horses and how this would upset their natural rest rotation allowing cycles of recovery in the ecosystem. I am also very concerned about the probability of breakages of the pipeline and the oil spills that would contaminate scarce water, soils, and even the air. These can and do happen, and are almost inevitable in the long term. There are better alternatives to oil and natural gas as far as energy goes, alternatives that do not contaminate and poison the living earth as well as strangle it by all these pipelines. I would be willing to testify to specific examples I have witnessed of the above. Please keep me informed on your review process and of further opportunities to provide input. Happy Earth Day!