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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I am writing to ask the Forest Service to deny BLM request to open sections of the Ruby Mountains to oil and gas development. My sons and I have backpacked in the Ruby Mountains a number of times over the past 10 years and this is a magnificent natural treasure that should be protected as a recreational and wildlife preservation resource. In addition, a number of threatened species reside in the proposed oil and gas development areas, including Lahontan cutthroat trout and sage grouse. These species would be adversely impacted by the proposed development activities. I urge you, ,to please deny the BLM request to open these sensitive and beautiful lands to oil and gas development. The public interest is much better served by preserving the Ruby Mountains as wildlands for the benefit of the wildlife, fish and game that inhabit them and the recreational enjoyment of citizens, backpackers, fishermen and hunters who visit the Ruby Mountains.

Thank you,

Mark Ashby