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Comments: Fossil fuels continue to destroy our planet and exacerbate climate change, and the longer we wait to switch to cleaner and greener energy, the more we put future generations at risk. The economic benefits of coal, oil, and natural gas are undeniable, and they have helped our country and many others through their developing periods. They have spurred economic growth and helped lift people out of poverty, but at the same time they are hurting people too. Oil companies have scoffed by government regulations that are there in place for a purpose-to protect public health and our ecosystems. The time has come to stop the use of fossil fuels, in fact it is far past the time. Nevada has enormous capability to the lead the world in solar, geothermal, and wind energy. Our energy focus should be on these means, not resorting back to fossil fuel production. We put people at risk when we make these decisions, and we have seen it time and time again. We cannot keep hiding the truth. Protect Nevada's beautiful mountain ranges from being excavated, don't forget the reason the Forest Service was established in the first place. Remember the words of the Forest Service chief Mike Dombeck: "Our challenge is to make watershed health, ecosystem health, and the health of the land- whatever you wish to call it- our driving force." These are our values, this is what we fight for.