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Comments: As a native Nevadan, I am distressed that this beautiful area will be open to oil and gas leasing. To the best of my knowledge, there is no reason this State should be encouraging oil and gas exploration. While you state there would need to be further environmental reviews, fine. But once the gate is open we will be subject to outside interests who will only take money out of the State and destroy a beautiful part of Nevada. Progress is great, look what it has done to our wild horses.

Thank you.