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I am strongly opposed to the proposed Ruby Oil & Gas lease of multiple parcels of National Forest System land. This land is right up against designated Wilderness areas. The ensuing noise, particulate and chemical pollution during drilling and oil and gas extraction projected for many years will clearly impact the intent and sanctity of a federally declared Wilderness area. The prevailing westerly winds will bring this pollution directly to the Wilderness area. Oil and Gas companies will get their drilling permits on the cheap from these leases clearly impacting existing National Forest and National Wilderness areas. Why not pay private land owners for leases on their land further away from the federal preserves?

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