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Comments: Ruby Oil and Gas

Dear Acting District Ranger Joshua Nicholes,

The Ruby Mountains are an inappropriate place to drill for oil and gas. The mountain range supports abundant wildlife and recreational uses which are in direct and serious conflict with oil and gas development. The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management would case irreparable harm to the Ruby Mountains by allowing this development to occur. The public owns this land and would not be able to use or enjoy it if fracking is allowed to go forward on OUR land.

Additionally, oil and gas development harms aquifers, wastes precious water, exacerbates climate change, and the pollution caused by this development is scientifically recognized to be bad for our health. It is in no one's best interest other than oil and gas companies' and as such should be not even up for consideration.

I very strongly urge you to reject the oil and gas leasing application and protect Nevadans and the Ruby Mountains from this development.

Sincerely, Thomas Esposito 380 Galleron Way Sparks, NV 89431-2320 esposito.thomas@gmail.com