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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 conflict with oil and gas development. The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management would cause irreparable harm to the Ruby Mountains if it were to allow this development to occur. This is publicly owned land, and opening it to oil and gas companies would cut off access for the public and forever spoil the land that we, the people of Nevada, own.

In addition, oil and gas development harms aquifers, wastes Nevada's precious water, exacerbates climate change, and the pollution caused by this development is scientifically recognized to be bad for our health. The only interest oil and gas drilling would serve is the interest of the oil and gas companies themselves; it is bad for the animals, the humans, and the land itself and thus is counter to the public interest.

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

Sincerely,

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