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Hello-

Thank you for taking comments on the proposed leasing of the NFS land in the Ruby Mountains area for the purpose of oil and gas leasing by the BLM. I am opposed to the leasing of any NFS land for the benefit and profit of the Oil and Gas Industry. It has been a tradition in this country to grant private business unfettered access to the natural resources of our country and the scars and destruction that practice has left is evident everywhere. Our water quality and reserves has been diminished by Big Agriculture, Nestle and countless business interests. Here in Michigan, children in Flint have been poisoned by poor decision making at the highest levels of this states government. Our countries prairies are plowed under with less than 1 percent remaining while cattle ranching, food for livestock and slaughterhouses now cover these spaces. The Trump Administration wants to dismantle and sell off National Treasures and Parks for development and special interests groups. Each and every resource you can name has been exploited by business for profit and left changed forever. The list of destruction goes on and on. All for private gain and profit. While millions of species go extinct, precious water resources are used up, cancer deaths pile up and our children's lives grow more despondent. No amount of stipulations can truly protect this land once it's given to oil and gas leasing companies. We will not develop the potential for solar, wind and other progressive energy sources if we keep granting oil and gas development up and down our coastlines and in our public lands. You say these lands are within areas covered by the 1986 Humboldt Land and Resource Management Plan and are designated as open to leasing? That agreement was written 32 years ago and times have changed. Our climate for one! The steps we all take today will either further the intensity and severity of these storms and weather events or help diminish them (hopefully). Please don't agree to the leasing of any of our public lands for oil and gas development.

Thank you,
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