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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 by allowing this development to occur. 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.

Imagine skiing and hiking among oil and gas pads, finding ducks and geese dead on ponds, Angel Lake and Ruby Marshes as well as smaller lakes and streams polluted by foul leaking brines and chemicals used in fracking. Is there no place that is sacred anymore? I am ashamed that we're even considering fracking in our alpine areas, our Alps of Nevada, our critical watersheds and recharge areas. Ruby Mountains and environs are irreplaceable and the damage is cannot be mitigated.

I can't strongly enough 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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