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Comments: Regarding Ruby Mountains Oil and Gas Leasing Availability Analysis #52443, I have the following

comments/recommendations:

*Defer the leasing of any important wildlife habitat in the Ruby Mountains, including big game seasonal range and migration corridors, until a full Forest Plan revision can be completed.

*Undertake a comprehensive upfront assessment of the potential impact of energy development on fish and wildlife in this area.

*Commit adequate funding to prevent, monitor, and mitigate any damage or degradation to habitat and populations.