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Comments: REgarding the Oil and Gas Leasing of the Ruby Mountains:

No - please - no! Please protect Ruby Mountains in perpetuity from oil and gas leases, from fracking!

Reasons are many. 1) The west is more and more at risk of heavy summer fires, due to global warming. Where there is now water, let's keep it clean. Why? To protect the wildlife found in and near the Rubies who rely on available, untainted water. Why? To preserve the Rubies' natural habitats and ecosystems for both wildlife and human use ( hunters and hikers, scientists, for example). Fracking extracts huge amounts of ground water; restored water is altered with fracking chemicals and may not be returned to where it was originally drawn.

2) The USFS has a responsibility to protect endangered and at-risk species. Fracking is suggested for the Greater Sage Grouse lekking and nesting areas. Already the sagegrouse species are losing their territory to fracking and development. Let us leave the Rubies and environs alone!

3) the Rubies serve as a critical link in the wildlife corridor which connects the Grand Canyon to Central Idaho. Fracking will disrupt the movement of wildlife. Its the USFS's responsibility to prioritize ecosystem/wildlife habitat/wildlife protection over oil and gas extraction!

4) Tourism protection!