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To whom it may concern:

I greatly value the Ruby Mountains as a habitat for wildlife and remote and rugged outdoor recreation experience. I am writing to encourage the forest service to deny any application for oil and gas leasing. Please 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. Please undertake a comprehensive upfront assessment of the potential impact of energy development on fish and wildlife in this area. Please commit to adequate funding to prevent, monitor, and mitigate any damage or degradation to habitat and populations. Thank you,

Mark