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Jenna Padilla, U.S. Forest Service

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I insist you listen to American citizens and deny the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's request to open the Ruby Mountains of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest to oil and gas leasing!

That is another terrible idea foisted by the Trump administration.

The Forest Service has complete discretion to withhold its consent to federal oil and gas leasing beneath National Forest System lands. The agency is under no obligation to allow any leasing. The great majority of Americans who actually own all U.S. Public Lands want to have these lands preserved for the children and grandchildren! Listen to us!

Given the importance of the Ruby Mountains for fish and wildlife, for outdoor recreation, and for our American heritage of public lands, leasing in the Ruby Mountains is a terrible idea.

Additionally, the fact that the Rubies are the source of water for the nearby Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge raises serious concerns that any future oil and gas development will pose unacceptable risks to surface and groundwater.

There is absolutely no need to lease the Ruby Mountains. Right now, there is barely any oil and gas production in the State of Nevada and all leasing appears to be completely speculative. I urge the Forest Service not to allow our public lands to be ruined for fossil fuel industry speculators.

Please, reject any and all oil and gas leasing in the Ruby Mountains of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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