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Jenna Padilla, U.S. Forest Service

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

As a resident of northern Utah, the Ruby Mountains are an important recreation area I enjoy visiting. Please deny the Bureau of Land Management's request that you open up the Ruby Mountains to oil and gas leasing.

Oil and gas drilling are antithetical to the ecological and recreational values of the Ruby Mountains.

The Forest Service has absolute 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 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.

Please, reject any and all oil and gas leasing in the Ruby Mountains.

Sincerely,

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