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Jenna Padilla, U.S. Forest Service

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I am writing to urge you to deny the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's request that you open up the Ruby Mountains of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest to oil and gas leasing.

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.

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.

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 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 used to fuel industry speculation.

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

I adamantly oppose any and all efforts by oil puppet Ryan Zinke and Donald Trump to hand our treasured public lands over to their billionaire/corporate donors/bribemasters. These career criminals only intent is to completely loot the entire wealth of this country by whatever means necessary. The Forest Service will be afraid to stand up to these cowardly bullies and we will lose these valuable lands forever to the predatory capitalist career criminals. Thanks for turning the USA into the most corrupt and sick nation on earth.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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