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Comments: Hi there,

I wanted to voice my concern about the Oil and Gas Leasing projects. Firstly, I do not believe there should be any leasing in pristine wilderness habitat: i.e. roadless areas, special wildlife habitat, or existing Research natural Areas/Special Interest Areas. Secondly, there should be strict stipulations on where the leases will exist. Our natural, finite, invaluable resources must be protected in these areas. There must be strong consideration for wildlife habitat, soil quality, water quality, watersheds, and developed recreation areas. Leasing parties must be responsible and the EIS should stipulate that these parties do a thorough and complete reclamation of the area when the lease is completed. The EIS should consider a wide range of alternatives and consider some of the aforementioned priority areas to have no new leasing. The Forest Service also needs to take into account all environmental concerns associated with drilling and its long-term effects.

Thank you,

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