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Bureau of Land Management
Nevada State Office
1340 Financial Boulevard
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To: Kemba Anderson
Branch Chief for Fluid Mineral Resources

Pursuant to 43 CFR 3120.1-3, we the undersigned, object to the leasing of over 300,000 acres of Nevada’s public lands in the July oil and gas lease sale. These spectacular public lands are not appropriate for oil and gas leasing or development. These lands and waterways are home to sage grouse, mule deer, bighorn sheep and cutthroat trout. This sale flies in the face of the Department of Interior's Secretarial Order 3362, which claims to prioritize the protection of migration corridors, by offering for lease hundreds of parcels within these clearly identified priority migratory corridors. This is unacceptable and this sale should be stopped.

In addition to the concerns about this lease sale’s impacts on wildlife, parcels included in this sale border the Ruby Mountains and lie alongside pristine, designated, wilderness areas like the Grant Range, Shellback and East Humboldts. Drilling in close proximity to these protected areas undermines their wilderness character and the value they provide as not only habitat, but highly sought after outdoor recreation destinations. Nevada has a robust outdoor economy that generates $12.6 billion in consumer spending annually. Meanwhile, our oil and gas sales generate paltry sums in comparison. In the past two years, Nevada’s BLM has offered a little over 1.4 million acres in oil and gas sales but has only sold 10% of those acres; 85% at the minimum bid of $2 an acre. Oil and gas leasing has generated a little over $400,000 from lease sales. In two years. This is NOT a good return on our investment.

A sale of this size is irresponsible and truly objectionable. There is no reason why Nevada BLM should be putting our wildlife, our fish, our outdoor recreation economy and our climate at risk for what is inarguably a poor investment. This Administration’s energy dominance agenda that prioritizes dirty fuels development above all else is completely antithetical to Nevada’s values. This sale should be stopped and we, the undersigned, urge you to do so.

Sincerely,

(see attached)