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Comments: Nevada has plenty of other, cleaner energy sources to explore and create jobs from without wrecking beautiful public lands like the Ruby Mountains. If you want proof of what unchecked corporate exploitation of the environment does to a state, look no further than North Dakota. Eagerness to capitalize on oil and gas mining has created dozens of environmental catastrophes, led to hundreds of worker deaths, and a culture of complacency that enables the companies responsible for both to get away with them with nothing more than small fines.

National parks are one of this nation's greatest gifts to the world, and exploiting them for commercial purposes would be an ugly defilement that future generations would not look back upon kindly. I urge you to reject this proposal and keep public lands in public hands.