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Comments: The Ruby Mountains are Nevada's premier mountain range, special in many ways. It runs a bit of an angle to all other mountain ranges. The Ruby Mts and East Humboldt (east extension) contain about 25% of all mule deer in Nevada. Mountain lion habitat is special there. Recreational opportunities...from hunting, hiking, back-packing, birdwatching...to just taking a morning's drive up Lamoille Canyon...are some of Nevada's truly special experiences. Furthermore, the private land surrounding the foothills of the Rubys will be adversely impacted by energy development of public land. Access to public lands is already a carefully worked out system between land owners and recreationalists. This proposal would complicate this entire access issue that has taken many years to work out.

This is a bad idea!!