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Comments: I like to hunt, fish, and recreate in and around the Ruby Mountains. I ask that none of the proposed parcels be put up for auction. This area is probably the most beautiful in the state. It could be a National Park but I'm glad it's open for hunting and other uses. If we preserve the landscape its value as an outdoor destination will only grow. If we sacrifice it for oil and gas development we may see a short-term gain but must face a long-term loss. This includes reducing sage habitat that countless species including the sage grouse depend on. If the habitat and population continue to decline we face an ESA listing, and with that an end to hunting the grouse and severe land-use restrictions. There is the potential to degrade or pollute water sources, including current Lahontan cutthroat trout streams and historic waterways where the species could be restored in the future. In the end, more land disturbance means less and less effective habitat, decreased hunting and fishing opportunities, and diminished outdoor recreation tourism value (a sustainable revenue stream).