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Comments: On behalf of my children and grandchildren I submit the following comments on this matter.

The Ruby Valley/Ruby Mountain area contains the history of the Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada. a history that must be recognized and not ignored.

I am not a Tribal Member of the Western Shoshone, yet, along with tribal members, Fred Frampton, Don Carpenter, Tim Murphy and Bryan Hockett, were able to visit archaeological areas throughout Elko County which also included numerous visit to the Ruby Valley/Ruby Mountain area.

The historic document known as the 1863 Ruby Valley Treaty defines the fact that the Western Shoshone lived in this area, for this is where the treaty was signed.

Sadly, under the colors of the American Flag, prior to the signing of the Treaty, the United States Army, after having gathered a huge population of Western Shoshone to the area, butchered an Indian and fed him to the Indians without them knowing it, that's how great the history is of the United States Army.

There are numerous archaeological sites in the Ruby Valley area, sites that should not or ever be destroyed for any reason what so ever.

No land in the Ruby Valley/Ruby Mountain area should be utilized in any manner of speaking for exploration for oil/gas.

Therefore, I hope that the U.S. Forest Service will withdraw their proposal and not allow any exploration for oil/gas.

Thank you