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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I am an native Elkoan. While I am currently going to school in Oregon, the Ruby Mountains are a the sight an an annual pilgrimage. Growing up in Elko I spent countless weekends hiking and camping in the Rubies.

I can't imagine what amount of rapacious "resource extraction" and soon-spent money could possibly balance against leaving these beautiful, ancient mountains the way they have been since before humans first came to this continent across the land bridge from Asia. Seriously just leave them the fuck alone. I can't believe I have to write this letter.

Suicide is sometimes called a temporary solution to a permanent problem. Defacing the Rubies to improve a few fiscal years' balances is trading a permanent sacrilege for a benefit that will be spent, burnt and forgotten in a handful of seasons.

Please, damnit, just don't.

Yours,

-Eric Hogle