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Comments: Greetings to Forest Service personnel,

I live in California, but the magic of the Ruby Mountains lives as a flame in me.

On a cross-country trip that I made in 2009, I chanced upon the Rubies with my young family (my wife and I, and our two boys), and my elderly mother, who was 86 at that time.

The Ruby mountains caught us all with their beauty, and we stayed a number of nights there, camping and hiking, although we only intended to stay the night originally. My mother stayed in Elko, in a hotel/casino, and came with on our adventures as she could each day.

Since that trip, my family and I have visited the Rubies twice. We return because these landscapes move us, and live in us, and inspire us, as Americans.

My mother died this year, at the age of 94. When I saw this drilling proposal was being offered, I had to respond, as it hurts me deeply.

Why would anyone, even in the name of profit, want to damage this unique area? Surely we have other ways to create energy (notably solar and wind), that don't cause these damages, and that are a perfect fit for Nevada and Nevadans.

Please reject this proposal.

Sincerely, Eric Glick Rieman