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Comments: Dear Mr. Baldwin,

I strongly oppose making these lands available for leasing given their ecological and recreation value. The area under consideration provides critical habitat for Lahontan cutthroat, mule deer herds, critical bird species, and rare plants -- all of which you note in your letter inviting scoping comments. While there are several stipulation options that you present, I believe it is clear that leasing in this area is inappropriate, even with the most stringent stipulations being considered. Along with impacts to wildlife in this special area, I am concerned about implications for the inventoried roadless areas in the region and recreation opportunities. There are other areas of the state that are more suited to leasing, but this is not one of them. I strongly urge the district not to make this land available for leasing.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Sarah Hoyle