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Comments: I find it appalling that oil and gas leases are being proposed for the Ruby Mountain region. As the most spectacular mountain range in Nevada, it has multiple other distinguishing traits that demonstrate why such leases - and the development and spill potential they bring - are ill-advised. For instance, as the wettest mountain range in Nevada, it represents an oasis in the midst of the arid Great Basin. Any pollution and/or spill would jeopardize the flourishing of species, such as moose, that are not found in other parts of the state. Additionally, the risk of contamination to rivers and groundwater in the area represents too significant a risk. Frankly, even considering leases makes no economic sense given that the US has an energy surplus. Couple this with the fact that there are safer, more cost effective forms of energy (such as solar, wind, and geothermal, all of which have ample promise in Nevada), and the argument in favor of oil and gas leases gets weaker and weaker. In conclusion, I adamantly oppose oil and gas leases in the Ruby Mountains.