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Comments: Oil and gas development should not be allowed in the Ruby Mountains. Data doesn't provide any logic in support of the leases - only 2% of the public lands leased to oil and gas interests in Nevada are producing, and the industries would burden Nevada by having its citizens shoulder the ugly externalities of the industry - pollution, lack of access to public lands, and environmental hazards for generations to come.

Our lands have higher and better uses, including outdoor recreation such as hiking and hunting. Plus, the oil and gas industries represent the past. Nevada needs to be focused on the future, harnessing our natural resources for new and increasingly efficient energy technologies including clean energy, which is more sustainable and enhances our security as a state and as a nation. Opening the Rubys to oil and gas leases now is akin to grants being made to horse buggy manufacturers at the very time that cars were starting to roll off the factory lines. We need to look forward as a state and appreciate the beauty and resources we have and ensure they are put to best and highest uses. This surely isn't it.