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Comments: I wholeheartedly object to this project. As a Nevada resident, I frequent the area under consideration, for recreational purposes. I live in the state's largest metropolitan area and I long for the days when I can escape to the Ruby Mountains. The beauty, remoteness, ruggedness, and tranquility this area offers cannot be matched anywhere else in our state. My wife and I often travel to the area to camp, backpack and fish. We drink from the streams, swim and fish in the lakes, and I hunt and eat the wild game. We enjoy the area for its beauty, its remoteness, and we try to find the most remote places in the area to be free from the hideousness of man's visual footprint on the world. The idea that the forest service would open up for oil and/or gas drilling, an area of such epic beauty is lunacy at best. At what point does human encroachment end, and we decide that we MUST salvage something in its natural state? As a father, I want my son to grow up being able to enjoy the Ruby Mountains as I have, in their natural, unadulterated state. I will end with this, if the forest service would even consider a sale/lease of the Ruby Mountains area as proposed for oil/gas drilling, why do we even have a need for such an agency? Again, I vehemently oppose the proposal to allow any type of development of the area, whether it be mining, oil/gas drilling, building homes or otherwise.

Respectfully,

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