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Title: Member
Comments: My interest in the proposed leasing/permitting in the Ruby Mountain range is that I am from Nevada and am enrolled in the Temoak Tribe of Western Shoshone. I oppose any leasing/permitting by the U. S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc. of any part of the Ruby Mountain Range for the purposes of exploration, mining, drilling, fracking, etc. The residents who live around the area would be negatively impacted by exploring, etc. creating pollution: noise, air & water from the machinery and additional traffic, etc. This pollution would also negatively affect all wildlife: endangered trout species, the sage grouse, the water, livestock, plants, trees, crops, local and out of state sportsmen who rely upon the water.

The Ruby Mountain Range has significant cultural and spiritual meaning for the Western Shoshone Nation: Temoak Tribe, Southfork Reservation & Ruby Valley tribal land. The Ruby Mtns. holds our water and natural mountain lakes, medicinal plants, Shoshone cultural sites and is a factor in bringing moisture to the area, which is a Nevada desert. Further, we have our ancestors buried in Ruby Valley, our youth spiritual activities are held in Southfork Lee, Nevada and there is a Sundance site in Ruby Valley.

I would like to preserve the natural beauty and resources of the Ruby Mountain Range for present and future generations. It is the last places in Nevada with such attributes. Where are we going to draw the line in our desert with all these water interests, military use, mining, drilling, exploring and destruction of our Nevada lands? Again, I am against allowing the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc. in approving leasing/permitting of the Ruby Mountain Range for any exploration, mining, drilling, etc. due to my listed concerns. Thank you for consideration of my concerns.

Respectfully, Carolyn Dick-Owyhee