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Comments: I support leasing the land in question for oil and gas exploration/development, provided the economic benefits are projected to be significant relative to any negative environmental impacts.

I am a frequent hiker. I have spent a few days camped in the Ruby Mountains and I have climbed to the top of Ruby Dome. I understand the beauty and richness of this area. I also understand that oil/gas can be developed with minimal impact on the environment. While I would not want such development to be done in the present Wilderness area there, I support development in other areas, again provided the economic benefits are significant relative to any expected negative environmental impact.

I hope the expected knee jerk opposition by the usual anti-development organizations is rejected by the government, so responsible development can be permitted.