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Comments: This letter is to address the proposed oil and gas drilling in the Ruby Mountains:

I am a native Nevadan, who has raised my own children here in northeast NV and look forward to sharing with my grandchildren the wild and beautiful Rubies. Hiking, biking, camping, hunting, fishing, rockhounding, pine nut picking and best of all jumping in Lamoille Creek for a refreshing swim when the temps in the valley are well over 100 - all this and more is what the Rubies mean to the people here. This, of all the places in northeastern NV, is the special one to leave as is. The solitude and beauty are a welcome salve to all who come here. This area is rich with minerals, but relatively scarce for the places that soothe the soul. We are a fortunate area with the mining that has supported this state since our battle-born beginnings. So I am a little baffled by the decision that allows ANY consideration of fracking, scientifically proven to cause manmade earthquakes, anywhere near our precious miners lives, who while working in the underground mines or open-pit sites would be left vulnerable to being buried alive. How is this in any way smart? These ventures do not in any way, shape or form contribute the jobs that mining does, destroys the underground waterways that everyone in this valley uses for drinking, causes earthquakes, and most all money leaves the county. Nevada is the 2nd most geologically active state in the lower 48. Do not think for a second that the manmade earthquakes would not affect the land and people here.