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Dear Ms. Elliott:

I am writing to urge that no decision be made that would allow oil or gas drilling in the Ruby Mountains. The Rubies are a priceless Nevada treasure, far more valuable than any oil or gas could possibly be. Not only are the mountains a wonderful natural feature and home of a designated wilderness area, but they are an important recreational resource, attracting campers, hunters, anglers, and many others that help the local economy. My late friend Stuart Udall, who was Secretary of the Interior during the Kennedy administration, told me that when it was pointed out that Nevada didn't have a National Park, his two top choices were the Ruby Mountains and what the Wheeler Peak area, now Great Basin National Park, which he eventually chose. This tells us something about the uniqueness and importance of our Ruby Mountains. Please, don't allow greed and avarice to triumph over the intrinsic value of Rubies, for once desecrated, there is no undoing the harm.

Sincerely,

Charlie Seemann, Spring Creek