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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Kelby and I grew up 5 minutes from the Ruby Mountains in Spring Creek, NV. My whole childhood was spent in the mountains with my family and friends. Many years were spent fishing, hunting, backpacking, snowmobiling, skiing, and snowboarding right there in the beloved Rubies. My biggest concern with the leasing of this land for oil and gas is that future generations will not be able to have the same experiences in the Rubies that I did.

I am worried about access and the environmental impacts this will have on the land itself, and all surround land and people. There are lots of species in the area that are endangered and/or endemic and are already struggling. The leasing of this land will further their struggles and contribute to their demise.

I hope the Forest Service will listen to the public and make an informed decision based on the communities needs. Where do we draw the line between dollar bills and the health of our community and environment?

For my sake and for the sake of future generations, plants, animals, and the land itself, I hope you choose to listen to the community.

Thanks,

Kelby Murphy