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Let me quickly state that I oppose the Rubys being opened up to ANY extractive leasing.

In a state, which is so dry and desolate, to have a mountain range like the Rubys, is like finding a diamond, or ruby, in the ruff. The ecological and biological diversity it has is unlike ANY OTHER part of the state, or the the West. The outdoor recreation opportunities are plentiful. If you allow extraction to occur in a place like the Ruby's, you will be putting natures balance, purity and safety at risk.

Extractive is temporary....recreation is forever....

Now for the reason why I even care about the Ruby's. I grew up in Big Pine, Ca., on the east side of the Sierras. About 10 years ago my brother, whom was living in Reno, had gone elk hunting in the Ruby's. As soon as he got back, he called with a tremendous amount of excitement telling me how he found a mountain range that rivals the Sierras. He fell in love with the Ruby's so much he moved to Elko. With his enthusiasm, believe me, he doesn't get excited about anything, how could I not check it out for myself. I too fell in love with the Ruby's. A true jewel. They aren't the Sierras, but they are pretty darn good. From that point on, for the past 10 years, we have had various backpacking, fishing and hunting trips in the Ruby's. The geology, the biodiversity, the various eco zones...how could one not fall in love with it.

There is no time of year that the parking lot at the end of the road, or the pullouts, aren't packed to capacity. The local community and outdoor recreationalists know how special this place is. To allow extractive work on the Ruby's would ruin our outdoor experiences and that eventually trickle down to a long term negative impact on the economy as there will be less and less visitation.

Outdoor recreation is a \$850 BILLION annual business and getting bigger and stronger everyday. Everyday, more and more people want to eliminate, or go away from, extractions, a shrinking market. It's not good for the environment nor for the climate.

So there's my 2[cent]. Extraction is a temporary money maker with long term negative side effects. Preserving places like the Ruby's for its continued outdoor recreation is a long term positive impact, for the local communities, for the wildlife, for the entire mountain.

Please do not allow extractive leasing.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Korina Riggin

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