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Comments: I am writing to comment on the proposed activity in the Ruby Mountain range in Nevada. My interest is that I am from Nevada and am enrolled in the Temoak Tribe. I have family and friends who live in Elko and Lee, Nevada who I am concerned about and how this would negatively affect them, their health, spirituality and livelihood. I do not favor any mining, drilling, exploring, fracking, etc. in the Ruby Mountain range. This mountain range has significant cultural and spiritual meaning for the Western Shoshone Nation: Temoak Tribe, Elko Band and Southfork & Ruby Valley tribal land. The Ruby mountain range holds our water and natural mountain lakes, medicinal plants and is a factor in brining moisture to the area. Further water has spiritual meaning to us. Our culture and spirituality is tied directly to the Ruby Mountains via the weather, medicinal plants, Shoshone cultural sites and water. Further, we have our ancestors buried in the Ruby Valley and our youth spiritual activities are held in Southfork, at the base of these mountains. The water from the Ruby Mountains is needed for the streams, the groundwater used by the residents, farmers, ranchers, cattle, horses, visiting and local sportsmen, plants, trees, cattle, the wildlife, crops and fish.

The area is well known for the hunting and fishing sportsmen, some who are from out of state and the mining, drilling, exploration, fracking would have a negative effect on tourism, which many residents rely upon economically.

The Southfork reservation, Spring Creek, Lamoille, Jiggs and Ruby Valley residents live at the base of the range and the mining exploration, fracking, drilling etc. in the Rudy Mountains would negatively affect the residents, natural resources, the air quality from additional traffic and machinery, water and wildlife. I would like to preserve the natural beauty and resources of the Ruby Mountain Range not only for present but for the future generations. It is one of the last places in Nevada with such attributes. Where are we going to draw the line in all these water interests, military use, mining, drilling, exploring and destruction of our Nevada lands? Again I am against mining, exploration, drilling, fracking, etc. in the Ruby Mountain Range due to my concerns listed.

If you have any questions, please email me at #####@gmail.com.

Thank you for consideration of my concerns.