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Comments: First I would like to thank the US Forest Service (USFS) for the draft Mt. Rose EIS and support the proposed amendment to the Forest Plan to restrict all future commercial development on 3,446 acres of acquired Galena lands in the Carson Range. I support the USFS preferred Alternative #3, which best protects public safety and reduces environmental impacts to the Atoma site.

I also strongly support all proposed actions to maintain public access to and dispersed recreation uses, both winter and summer, of the 3,446 acres of acquired Galena lands as well as to the Atoma expansion site.

These lands are very important to me as an wildlife photographer in that the protection of habitat is arguably the most important factor in maintaining biodiversity. Also, having access to this area will allow me to continue documenting the species in the area.