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Comments: I am opposed to opening the Ruby Mountains for oil and gas leasing. This area is the watershed for a large section of northern Nevada. There is potential for contamination of streams and lakes through drilling and exploration for petroleum. Such contamination would be a disaster for wildlife in an area that is extremely arid. Additionally critical sage grouse habitat could be disturbed. As someone who was raised in Nevada, I remember beautiful camping vacations in the area. Its recreational value is superb and should not be marred by oil and gas exploration and drilling.