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Comments: The Ruby mountains and the associated forest land are incredibly beautiful publicly owned lands, set aside for protection of the last remains of untouched nature in our nation. In this world of declining habitat it is the job of our foresters, our geologists, our park managers and rangers, as well as our citizens to demand that we protect all wild lands, now and into the future. We know fracking destroys aquifers; we know putting rigs into pristine forest areas harms wildlife, creates roads that are disruptive to forest and soils, and we know that the environment of the earth as a habitat for survival of all life is in deep trouble. How can we as a people allow our PUBLIC LANDS, be appropriated in behalf of private for profit corporations? We are in a time of political insanity and we must stand against the exploitation of public lands for private profit. I demand that all the considerations stated by the forest service be included in any analysis, and further that impacts on aquifers, and impacts of these activities on global warming be examined prior to any decision making. WE must look at the big picture and turn our support away from destruction and deterioration of our natural and national treasures and turn toward sustainability, preservation, and integrity of our natural gifts.