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Comments: I have had the privilege of visiting the Ruby Mountains and enjoying the recreational pleasures of a relatively untouched wilderness. The Ruby Mtns provide a wilderness experience and support a diversity of plant and animal life.

This is not an area that should be opened up to oil and gas leasing. I am profoundly against this proposal for all lands and reject a proposal to even include a portion of these lands to be opened up. Oil and gas exploration and development provides a short-term gain for a few, while negatively impacting the environment. This type of development, with the construction of roads and the irreversible impacts to pristine creeks and streams, infringe on the rights of the majority public to enjoy these lands undisturbed for generations to come.

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