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Comments: Under absolutely no circumstances should the Ruby Mountains be available for leasing in order to extract oil or gas. The extraction of these nonrenewable resources is a terribly destructive, polluting, and harmful process that poses immense threats not only to local ecosystems, but to the global environment, water sources, air, wildlife, and people. Protecting these lands and keeping them in the most pristine natural state possible is worth infinitely more than any dirty profits made by oil corporations possibly could be. The non-monetary costs of such a desecration of the land must be taken into account, as they have far greater inherent value and consequences for the real world than corporate profit. These priceless, beautiful areas deserve to be respected and preserved given their significant ecological importance, role in providing wildlife habitats, and sentimental value for those who enjoy spending time amidst the Rubies' natural beauty, in addition to it being the land's own right. For the health of the land, water, air, wildlife, local communities, future generations, and Earth as a whole, please do not allow any of the Ruby Mountains area to be leased for oil or gas exploitation.