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Comments: The ecological, economic, cultural, and recreational benefits of leaving The Rubies undisturbed far outweigh any short term monetary gain from oil or gas leases. Do not put potential profits over people and wildlife. The Ruby Mountains are too beautiful to be abused like this.

With abundant big game, robust trout fisheries, and dense sage grouse habitat the Ruby Mountains are one of the most spectacular landscapes in Nevada and a critical resource for wildlife. Fracking or drilling for oil and gas would irreparably harm this undisturbed area. The waters that trout rely on could be poisoned in spills or well failures after fracking. Mule deer habitat would be fragmented, and the deers' ability to safely overwinter would be compromised. Vulnerable sage grouse, known to be negatively affected by oil and gas development, will inch closer to extinction.

Please abandon this project.

P.S. I am a little concerned that this comment period has been opened again. The undoubtedly, overwhelmingly negative response initially followed by a whole new round of comments seems extremely fishy.