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Comments: Hello,

I would like to express my objection to the proposed plans for these sites near the Ruby Mountains. The Rubies are a jewel of our state. They house wildlife not found in the majority of the rest of the state and offer a beautiful sanctuary and recreational area in a unique and remote part of our nation.

The Rubies have the potential to continue drawing in hikers, backpackers, skiers and other recreational enthusiasts and it would be a true shame to risk any damage, vital or visual, to this range or its surroundings. So many other places have been ruined in this way and it truly does affect the perception of visitors.

Each state has its share of natural treasures to protect and the Ruby Mountains have long been recognized as such by Nevadans and visitors. Please do not make the mistake of parceling off and selling parts of it.

I appreciate the hard work of the Forest Service in aiming at the balance between use and resource harvesting. It's not an easy job and you men and women do very well on the whole. Please, however, see that the Rubies are a strong candidate for remaining as wilderness for recreational use.

Thank you