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Comments: I am writing to express my objection to the proposed oil and gas lease of lands in the Ruby Mountains. I believe it is a short sighted plan that would likely permanently damage a beautiful area. Geographically it is a sensitive area for wildlife and waterways and damage will not be limited to the immediate area being mined. It is a unique area used for recreational purposes of all sorts and should be maintained and preserved. The only benefit I see in this is to the mining company - assuming their speculation were even to pan out - and a short term benefit to USFS for the lease payments, while causing irreparable damage to the environment and a wonderful recreational area enjoyed every year by many, many people. It would be a very short sighted gain. I have personally hiked, backpacked and camped in the Ruby Mountains. Please remember who it is you represent; it is not the mining industry.