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Comments: Ruby Oil and Gas

I am writing to strongly oppose oil and gas development on the west side of the Ruby Mountains above Spring Creek.

My family and I have lived in the Lamoille area since 1961, 57 years. My godmother Louise Ulph is the co-author of the major history of North East Nevada. Her brother-in-law Howard Hickson was a founder of the Museum. I own and I've on a 377 ranch a mile and a half east of Lamoille.

I have hiked and backed in the Ruby Mountains my entire life. My wife and I spent our honeymoon at Verdi Lake. I have hiked in the area in question which is in the way to Steitz Lake, Griswold Lake and Ruby Dome. It is some of the most beautiful natural landscape in the world, viewable from just about everywhere in Spring Creek, and its natural beauty needs to be preserved for enjoyment by the current and future generations to come.

The area in question is relatively small, not likely to yield commercial quantities of gas or oil (recent fracking exploratory wells in the area have generally not been successful), and there are no pipelines or suitable access roads in the area.

The scene will be a terrific eyesore for a large number of people who moved to the area in search of a quiet residential area and to hikers, backpackers and hunters who crave being alone in a natural environment, particularly if lighted at night or with fumes burned off by flames. It will adversely affect tourists visiting the area to hike and hunt in the area, local providers who service them, and wildlife movement through the area and the equipment and sites will be horrendous eyesores.

Please do not disturb this area with gas and oil exploration for the benefit and profit of out of area developers at the expense of the local population and the natural environment.

Thank you.

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