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Comments: There is absolutely NO reason to consider these leases! Geological studies have shown that the type of rock in this area is highly unlikely to contain any oil or gas reserves. Exploratory drilling is highly unlikely to produce anything other than waste and pollution of a relatively pristine area that has tremendous value to our county and to our state in terms of recreation and tourism.

The Ruby Mountains are one of the premier reasons that people visit our region from all over the world. They are popular with hikers, campers, wildlife observers, photographers, hunters, fishermen, and winter sports enthusiasts; just to name a few. We owe it to our children and to our children's children to preserve these beautiful mountains for their enjoyment. This proposal will bring unwanted roads and pollution to an area we all treasure. Please do NOT open these lands to drilling exploration.