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Comments: The Ruby Mountains and its watersheds offer outstanding recreational opportunities that will be significantly compromised if oil and gas development is not properly planned and executed. Energy exploration and development would jeopardize the quality of the region's wildlife habitat and the celebrated opportunities it offers to hunters and anglers. I experienced this first hand in 2008 and it was an outstanding hunt.

The Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest should either (1) defer leasing within critical wildlife habitat including especially greater sage-grouse habitat, and big game seasonal range and migration routes; or (2) Perform a comprehensive evaluation of the potential impact of proposed energy development on Fish and wildlife and commit funding to adequate mitigation measures to offset all expected damage or degradation to habitat.