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Comments: I adamantly oppose oil and gas drilling in the Ruby Mountains. This proposal would allow drilling in an integral mating area for the sage-grouse, a species that is already threatened due to fracking in other areas. The Ruby Mountains form a critical passageway to the Grand Canyon-Central Idaho wildlife corridor, a trail followed by mule deer, cougar, elk, mountain goats, and rare bighorn sheep who are particularly sensitive to human disturbance. Additionally, fracking requires removing enormous amounts of water from watersheds, which coupled with spills, leaks and well failures, could taint and degrade precious mountain streams, including several inhabited by the Lahontan cutthroat trout?-?a species protected under the federal Endangered Species Act as threatened. The Forest Service should be restoring watersheds to help recover threatened species, not pushing them closer to extinction.