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Comments: Rare bighorn sheep live in the Ruby Mountains. They avoid human disturbance, including noise and temporary or permanent structures used in oil and gas operations. Oil and gas facilities fragment bighorn habitat, and reducing habitat connectivity can lead to genetic isolation and inbreeding. Oil and gas development is also likely to harm essential wintering habitat for one of the most significant herds of mule deer in Nevada. Rather than punishing these animals with development and habitat fragmentation, the Forest Service should be working to protect and enhance these iconic species that make the Ruby Mountains such a quintessentially Nevadan landscape.