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Comments: I vigorously oppose any oil and gas leasing in the Ruby Mountains. As Interior Secretary Zinke has said, some places are simply too special to drill. The Ruby Mountains are clearly such a place. They provide significant wildlife, watershed, scenic, and recreational values. These values would all be jeopardized by oil and gas development.

I visited the Ruby Mountains area less than a week ago so I have first-hand knowledge. It would be shameful to allow potential short-term corporate profits to supersede the long term national interest in protecting the Ruby Mountains. I agree with the many conservation and sportsmen's groups that oppose leasing.

Please do NOT approve any oil and gas leasing in the Ruby Mountains.

Thank you very much for your consideration.