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Comments: Hello,

Please do not make the Ruby Mountains available for business use. The landscape here is relatively unique in context with the rest of Nevada. This makes it an ideal recreation area for locals, and provides a habitat for unique Nevadan wildlife. Attaining oil and gas for business use is important, but while productive fracking locations are relatively common, places like the Ruby Mountains are not. Also, while oil and gas use will one day become a thing of the past, the natural environments of places like the Ruby Mountains and the wildlife within cannot be replaced or rebuilt.

In other words, why permanently damage a unique recreation area teeming with wildlife simply for a temporary and relatively small economic benefit? If these areas are not protected from business use, they will disappear fast. Please do not lease the Ruby Mountains for oil and gas use.

Thanks for your time

Eric