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Comments: As a life long resident and 4th generation Nevadan, I strongly oppose opening the Ruby Mountains to oil and fracking exploration. My great grandfather, grandfather, dad and myself grew up hiking, camping, hunting and fishing in this amazing mountain range. My wife and I were married at the Lions camp in Lamoille Canyon. I remember countless Boy Scout winter campouts, summer backpacking trips and hikes. I remember countless family drives up the canyon and bbq's at the various day sites. I still take my wife and son hiking, fishing and camping every summer. We harvest choke cherries from the Lions Camp area and Harrison Pass and make jelly from my grandmother's recipe. My 9 year old still talks about fishing with Grandpa in the Canyon. As an adult it's incredibly therapeutic to spend time in the canyon, even for just an afternoon drive. The Ruby Mountains are a treasure not only for their beauty, but for the way they bring family and friends together to share lifetime memories. They are worth far more than any possible gains that might be found in the ground by some corporation that will use them up and move on to the next without a second thought. PLEASE DO NOT LET OUR STATE'S TREASURE BE DUG UP AND POISONED.