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Please include this comment with those against the option of leasing a portion of the Ruby Mountains for oil and gas development. I spent more than a decade in the Powder River Basin in Wyoming and saw first hand what the development of the local coal bed methane resource did to that corner of the state in an alarmingly short amount of time. The impact on the local hunting and outdoor recreation opportunities was undeniable and irreversible during my lifetime. I chose to leave that area and return to Nevada.

Elko and Spring Creek residents enjoy the majestic backdrop of the Rubys and many of us choose to live in this community not only for the beauty of these mountains, but also wide array of outdoor opportunities available on and around this special place. Considering jeopardizing this beauty, the local wildlife populations, our local outdoor recreation options, and tourism opportunities in exchange for a speculative and marginal energy resource is simply being reckless with people's livelihood, property values and future Nevadan's opportunity to enjoy a very special place.

Please do not expose our local treasure to this threat and do not release this area for oil and gas leasing.

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