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I want to applaud the efforts of the Forest Service to reach out to the public and entertain proposals, especially those of particular local concern.

The area above Lake Irwin that features the Ruby Range, Scarp Ridge, and "Upper" Green Lake that is accessed by the Green Lake Road is one of these areas.

The flood of tourism and advances in overland vehicles led to numerous incidents and egregious damage not only to the precious wilderness, but also the adjacent private property and private lives and roads used to access this precious area.

Residents had cars parked on their property, curious visitor on their decks and in the greenhouse, stuck vehicle rescue requests, erosion of soil, destruction of alpine wetlands, damage to the already challenging road and lack of respect for this fabulous treasure.

A solution that the owners see as feasible is "pedestrian only" access and this would make this area quiet, unique, and make it possible for the endless wildflowers, abundant wildlife, spectacular waterfalls and pure, clean alpine air to live forever. Please deem this an "Area of Special Interest" and protect it in perpetuity.