

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 258

To prohibit oil and gas leasing on the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains Ranger District located in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ruby Mountains Pro-
5 tection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN NATIONAL FOREST SYS-
7 TEM LAND.**

8 (a) DEFINITION OF MAP.—In this section, the term
9 “Map” means the Forest Service map entitled “S. 258
10 Ruby Mountains Protective Act” and dated December 5,
11 2019.

1 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
2 the approximately 309,272 acres of Federal land and in-
3 terests in the land located in the Ruby Mountains subdis-
4 trict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest within the
5 area depicted on the Map as “National Forest System
6 Lands” are withdrawn from all forms of operation under
7 the mineral leasing laws.

8 (c) APPLICATION.—Any land or interest in land with-
9 in the boundary of the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the
10 Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest that is acquired by the
11 United States after the date of enactment of this Act shall
12 be withdrawn in accordance with subsection (b).

13 (d) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall be on file
14 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
15 fices of the Forest Service.