

Atten: USDA Forest Service  
Ruby Mountain Outfitter Guide Prospectus Review Team

May 15, 2008

**RE: Reference for Bill Gibson and Elko Guide Service**

To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I have been taking trips with Elko Guide Service and Bill Gibson since the late 1980's. Over the last 20 plus years we have had some very memorable and great experiences in the Ruby Mountains, hunting, riding, camping and site seeing. We have also hunted with Bill on BLM ground, and been fishing at South Fork Reservoir and the Ruby Marshes. The trips are all handled in a first class manner and the results are good.

We have hunted pheasants on Bill's ranch as well as rented the cabins at Jiggs as well as in Shantytown.

I understand that the permit for Outfitting in the Ruby Mountain territory that Bill as held for years is out for bid and I would urge you to give Elko Guide Service and Bill Gibson credit for the years in which he has held the permit and added the value he has for so many years to so many clients. My sons and I as well as my wife truly enjoy the outdoor experiences and Bill and the experiences he has shown us.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Llee Chapman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R. Llee Chapman & Family