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Subject: Hunting with Bill Gibson

I have been living in Nevada for over 12 years and enjoy hunting on public lands. Several years ago I climbed up into the high Ruby Mountains to hunt the Himalayan Snow Partridge, a Nevada Game bird. I saw birds, but was unable to get a shot off. I am getting older and would really like to shoot a Snow Partridge in the Ruby Mountains.

I met Bill Gibson 4 years ago and I asked him to help me get a shot at a Ruby Mountain Snow Partridge. He agreed, but we had to wait for the next fall and the hunting season. Bill did not get a special use permit that fall, nor has he received a permit in the last 3 years. Bill Gibson has declined any guided hunts for the past 3 seasons since he has not been able to obtain a special use permit. He has meticulously avoided any appearance of impropriety, and has been an upright supporter of the permit system.

I understand Bill Gibson's special use permit is in limbo, awaiting your approval, so he can begin hunting with me, and others.

I am getting older and do not know how many years I can wait for Bill Gibson to get his permit. I have been waiting for over 3 years now. I have no desire to hunt with anyone but Bill Gibson, a true sportsman!

Please promptly process his special use permit so I can hunt with Bill this fall. With my declining health, it could be my last attempt for a Ruby Mountain Himalayan Snow Partridge. I look forward to a reply from you on this matter, so I can plan on a strenuous physical exercise regime to get in better shape to hunt with Bill Gibson this fall-08.

In my opinion, Bill Gibson should be awarded his special use permit as soon as possible, so we plan to hunt together and fulfill my lifetime ambition; to harvest a Ruby Mountain Himalayan Snow Partridge.

Looking for Your Reply.

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