

10 April 2018

Mr. Josh Nicholes
Acting District Ranger
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Dear Mr. Nicholes:

Noooooooooooo!!!!

Please do anything in your power to stop the leasing of the National Forest System acreage in the Nevada Ruby Mountains. I beg you.

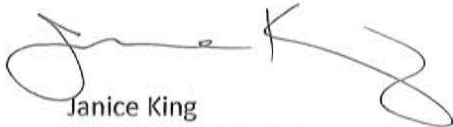
Anyone who has explored the area knows what a gem the Ruby Range and surrounding area are. Everyone I know is appalled at the notion of opening up the area to drilling, fracking, and so on. Have the people who are making the decision spent any time in the area? Do they picture it as an uninteresting place that deserves to be defiled for the benefit of a few?

I know there are scientific arguments to be made against the leasing which others can make in more detail than I, but I wanted to speak out against it nonetheless.

My husband graduated at the top of his medical school class at UCLA over 30 years ago and was immediately offered a lucrative position there. Instead he decided he'd prefer a more rural area and of course, given how difficult it is to get doctors (and so many other occupations) to a place like Elko County, he could have worked anywhere. His first hike through the Rubies was enough to make his decision. It is a magical place open to all sorts of recreation and enhances the tourism of the region. Please don't take this away from us or risk any damage to the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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