

Sept. 20, 2018

Josh Nicholes  
Acting District Ranger  
660 So. 12<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 108  
Elko Nevada 89801


Dear Mr. Nicholes:

I join the multitudes that do not feel it is appropriate to allow fracking anywhere near the Ruby Mountains. I have spent some of my most exhilarating days in those mountains. Millions of people depend on our natural environment to stay rejuvenated and maintain sanity in this chaotic age. The Ruby Mountains are one of Nevada's treasures. Fracking is not benign. There is plenty of evidence of it leading to contamination of ground water, earthquakes and other problems.

Besides, it is imperative that the U.S. Government, despite Trump and his GOP deniers, aggressively address the issue of climate disruption. *That means keeping carbon in the ground*, at least until there are viable systems for carbon sequestration developed. Nevada is perfect for both solar and wind development. That's the way to go.

I urge you to do whatever you can to stop this drilling plan in its tracks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alethea MacKinnon".

Alethea MacKinnon