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Comments: Don't Allow Fracking in the Ruby Mountains

Dear Ms. Elliott,

The Ruby Mountains are one of the most spectacular landscapes in Nevada. With abundant big game, robust trout fisheries and dense sage grouse habitat, the Rubies are a critical resource for wildlife.

LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE--FOR THE GOOD OF AMERICA AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE PLANET. OUR FAILURE TO ELIMINATE DEPENDENCE ON COAL AND OIL AND NUCLEAR POWER IS A MAJOR NATIONAL SECURITY PROBLEM. IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE PLANET AND TO NATIONAL SECURITY TO MAKE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY A LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PRIORITY. WE MUST STOP DESTROYING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND CONVERT TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY. PERIOD. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IS THE ANSWER. NO COAL. NO OIL. NO NUCLEAR POWER. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS CLEAN COAL OR CLEAN OIL OR CLEAN, SAFE NUCLEAR POWER. WE HAVE TO BREATHE THIS AIR AND DRINK THIS WATER; WE DON'T WANT IT POLLUTED! WE SHOULD BE LEADING THE WORLD IN THIS EFFORT, NOT DRAGGING OUR FEET! WE NEED TO STOP ALL FAVORS, SUBSIDIES AND TAX BREAKS FOR NUCLEAR, COAL, AND OIL COMPANIES! END FRACKING AND OIL PIPELINES!

Fracking and drilling for oil and gas would irreparably harm this undisturbed area. The waters that our trout rely on could be poisoned in spills or well failures after fracking. Mule deer habitat would be fragmented, and the deers' ability to safely overwinter would be compromised. Vulnerable sage grouse, known to be negatively affected by oil and gas development, will inch steadily closer to extinction.

I urge you not to permit any leasing for oil and gas in the Ruby Mountains. Non-surface occupancy stipulations do nothing to protect our precious aquatic resources from the harms of fracking. The only way to protect the fragile resources of the Rubies is to forbid leasing on all of these parcels.

Thank you,

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