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Dear Ms. Elliott,

At some moment in human history, the Gods will shine upon us and ALL FOSSIL FUEL DRILLING WILL STOP!! Won't that be the greatest moment we could ever experience?! We KNOW it will happen - we NEED to make it happen NOW!!....This time and place - for our children and for their children - for the sake of us all!! BEFORE all semblance of wildness and natural grandeur is lost forever. FOREVER. FOREVER.

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.

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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