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Comments: Please Don't Allow Fracking in the Ruby Mountains

Dear Ms. Elliott,

As an American who cares deeply about the Nevada and California desert, where my husband and I honeymooned and where I always love camping and hiking the spectacular public lands, I am writing to ask you to please reject proposals to open up the Ruby Mountains for drilling and fracking.

With their abundant big game, robust trout fisheries and dense sage grouse habitat, the Ruby Mountains 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 for considering my comments.

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