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Comments: Don't Allow Fracking in the Ruby Mountains

Dear Ms. Elliott,

I strongly urge you not to permit any leasing for oil and gas in the Ruby Mountains. These mountains should be protected by forbidding leasing on all parcels.

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.

Thank you,

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