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Comments: Don't Allow Fracking or Drilling in the Ruby Mountains in Nevada

Dear Ms. Elliott,

I urge you to PLEASE spare the Ruby Mountains in Nevada from fracking and drilling for oil and gas! Aside from all the environmental issues mentioned below, the more fossil fuels we use, the more we thrust humanity and all life on Earth into an unviable situation. We MUST stop global warming! We must keep as many ecosystems intact as we can, as these ecosystems help mitigate the damage of human activity. We must stop the advance of oil and gas exploration for the sake of the future, for the sake of our children and grandchildren, out of respect for this miracle of creation and life itself. There will come a time when the future will bless us for protecting the Ruby Mountain ecosystem. Please protect it now! Thank you.

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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