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Comments: NO Fracking in the Ruby Mountains

Dear Ms. Elliott,

I have spent time in the beautiful, unique, and vulnerable Ruby Mts. They deserve complete protection.

Be a hero for all people instead of the pawn of a few take-the-money-and-run corporations. We do NOT need such dirty energy, especially in NV ! Your wise decisions can help the transition of humanity away from such unnecessary and destructive practices, and send signals to these industries to promote quicker implementation of clean energy technologies, many of which these same industries have purchased patents for and are purposefully sequestering while they attempt to squeeze all the profits they can from their outdated extraction technologies. Clean energy options are TOTALLY viable and need your support. What will your decisions leave behind for your kids and grandchildren? What will you be responsible for in your "trusted" position of authority and decision making ? What will you be remembered for , public good or short-term profit grabbing?

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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