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Comments: Do NOT Allow the Fools for Fossil Fuels to Frack Up the Ruby Mountains

Dear Ms. Elliott,

As I hope you know, the Ruby Mountains are one of the most rugged and spectacular landscapes in Nevada. With abundant big game, robust trout fisheries and dense sage grouse habitat, the Rubies are a critical resource for wildlife.

That is also precisely why fracking and drilling for oil and gas would irreparably, needlessly harm this undisturbed and thus irreplaceable area. It's high time we flash on the fact that we MUST ****leave fossil fuels in the ground**** to protect ourselves from even greater/faster global warming. Solar and wind are rapidly taking up the slack, creating thousands of safe, long-term jobs -- and well they should.

The waters that our trout rely on would be poisoned in spills or well failures after fracking (because wherever the fossil fuel industry goes, pollution inevitably follows.) Mule deer habitat would be fragmented, and the ability of deer 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.

And for what? To give one more intransigent, greedy fossil fuel company the opportunity to ruin one more beloved landscape for fun and profit, when the world is turning its back on such polluting idiocy and embracing clean, green, independently-sourced energy!

(Which is precisely why these greedy fools are desperate to perpetuate their unsustainable exploitation of OUR public lands.)

Well, We the People are here to tell the conniving Koch brothers and their industry minions to GO TO HELL.

The majority of Americans are very concerned about climate change and We demand CLEAN energy, CLEAN air and CLEAN water for our families for generations to come. Exactly the things that the fossil fuel industry has denied us for decades, putting their profits over life itself and to hell with people and wildlife and our natural heritage.

No. More.

We the People do NOT give our permission for any leasing for oil and gas in the Ruby Mountains. "Non-surface occupancy stipulations" are lawyerly LIES that do **nothing** to protect our precious aquatic resources from the known and notorious harms of fracking.

We know better and so do you: The **ONLY** way to protect the fragile resources of the Rubies is to forbid leasing on all of these parcels -- and make that "in perpetuity", so We don't have to waste our time with their greed-ridden schemes ever again.

Thank you for your time and (We hope) sanity, We're DONE with these fracking fools and the USFS should be too.

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