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Comments: Don't Allow Fracking in the Ruby Mountains

Dear Ms. Elliott,

As a frequent visitor and lover of the Ruby Mountains, I urge you not to permit any leasing for oil and gas in this remarkable area. The Rubies are widely acknowledged to be one of Nevada's most special and spectacular landscapes. I am very concerned that fracking or drilling would irreparably harm the wildlife habitat, fisheries, water quality and recreational resources of this unique area. Non-surface occupancy stipulations do nothing to protect our aquatic resources.

It's especially disturbing to see that the proposed leases seem to reach right to the wilderness boundaries in places and that some parcels are located adjacent to Ruby Dome and the Range's highest and most impressive peaks. In this era when Nevada's population is expanding and outdoor recreation is becoming more and more important to the state's economy and quality of life, the risks posed by oil and gas production are unacceptable. Please do not risk our long-term hunting, fishing and hiking opportunities for a handful of temporary oil and gas jobs!

Thank you,

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