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Comments: Don't Allow Fracking in the Ruby Mountains

Dear Ms. Elliott,

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.

Please, there is no greater threat to the entirety of humanity than climate change and it is imperative that our infrastructure, culture, and lifestyles keep up with the science. Fossil fuels served their purpose to initially advance civilization; however, they were never a sustainable resource in the first place and now that climate change is already upon us, it is time to continue to advance civilization by moving to clean energy sources that aren't going to devastate our future. All of the science and solutions already exist; now we just have to continue to implement them and lead the world in the right direction. Large companies like ExxonMobil do not like the clean direction that the world is now heading in, but ultimately it benefits them too since continuing to rely on their harmful product will only lead to total ruin. Thus, please, fight for what is just and help make the world a better and safer place to live.

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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