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Comments: Don't Allow Fracking in the Ruby Mountains

Dear Ms. Elliott,

How could ANYONE think fracking is the answer to all the problems we face today? Please respect our land, water, our earth, our animals and our people. Why is this such a difficult thing to do? Please do the right thing and continue protecting our National Parks. Don't listen to the White House Moron! Just do the right thing and make it all better. Show him he's not only wrong, but INSANE!

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,

Janet Harley

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