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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. It is an escape destination for many Nevadans and others.

Fracking and drilling for oil and gas would irreparably harm this undisturbed area. This is evident and proven in other fracked areas. 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. We are the driest state in the nation. Our water is most precious. 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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