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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, which is completely unacceptable to me and many others. The waters that our trout rely on could be poisoned in spills or well failures after fracking. Mule deer habitat would be fragmented which is just another step towards their demise, and the deers' ability to safely overwinter would be compromised (please note that this means they will die). Vulnerable sage grouse, known to be negatively affected by oil and gas development, will inch steadily closer to extinction. These animals have a right to their sacred lives, too! This rush for money and damn the consequences is destroying our home - Earth - for all of us.

I cannot strongly urge you enough to not permit any leasing for oil and gas in the Ruby Mountains. None. Nada. Zip. Non-surface occupancy stipulations do nothing to protect our precious aquatic resources from the serious and egregious harms of fracking. The only way to protect the fragile resources of the Rubies is to forbid leasing on all of these parcels. Please do the right thing, deny any and all permits/leases for drilling and fracking, and protect this land for your children and mine (and all the creatures who depend upon it for their very lives).

Thank you,

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