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Comments: DO NOT ALLOW Fracking in the Ruby Mountains!

Dear Ms. Elliott,

The Ruby Mountains are one of the most spectacular landscapes in Nevada, and in the USA. 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 and destroy 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. As you well know, the vulnerable and extraordinarily beautiful and unique American Sage Grouse, known to be unable to survive the impediment of filthy, dirty and habitat-destructive oil and gas development, will become extinct.

DO NOT 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!

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