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Dear Ms. Elliott,

What will this bring to northern Nevada? As a northern Nevadan currently living in the hydrocarbon capitol of America I can tell you this will do no good. The govt will not receive of fraction of the taxes they are supposed to (just like every single other project) and you will be in the same fiscal place in 10 years. The incredibly destructive open pit mines of the Ruby's have already brought Elko county's infrastructure to its knees. Where are these people going to live? Where will the pipelines run? My wife is a geophysicist for the second biggest oil company in America that literally decides where to frack for a living, the one thing she cannot wrap her head around is how much water these wells USE and PRODUCE. More water is brought up from these wells than oil or gas and it is equally noxious. You know Nevada well enough to understand that water literally is our limiting factor and that our ecosystem are incredibly sensitive to perturbances as a product. Nevada does not need this. Elko county does not need this. The Forest Service might think it needs this, but if you take a step back you might see that this is clearly not a solution to your problems.

Thank you,

Ryan Starr

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