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Comments: Don't Allow Fracking in the Ruby Mountains

Dear Ms. Elliott,

Dear Susan Elliot.

The Nevadan Ruby Mountains are a critical resource for wildlife that need your protection. Their natural beauty is one of nature's treasures that enhances all life in the Great Basin region, and for the human communities around them. Keeping these lands intact, safe from fragmenting, fracking and destructive drilling activities, will allow the mountain landscapes to be appreciated long into the future. Who knows, perhaps even your future relations will be there to see what a legacy your decision has upon the land. Will it be left untouched, a pristine place of beauty or, on the other hand, a disturbed landscape with toxic water, no trout, an erie silence from the lack of sage grouse and the other animals who at present, live there in nature's perfect way of balance.

I urge you not to permit any leasing for oil and gas in the Ruby Mountains, to protect the fragile resources of the Ruby mountains and do what is the best for the many who live in, and around them, now and for the future. Thank you for taking the time needed to consider this.

Thank you,

Mark Howell

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