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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. The waters that our trout rely on will be poisoned in spills or well failures after fracking. Mule deer habitat will be fragmented, and the deers' ability to safely overwinter will be compromised. Vulnerable sage grouse, known to be negatively affected by oil and gas development, will inch steadily closer to extinction.

I strongly 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. The only way to protect the fragile resources of the Rubies is to forbid leasing on all of these parcels.

Environmental pollution is now killing more people every year than all war and violence in the world (see Lancet medical journal study). This poisoning can be controlled. Take a positive step and protect the Rubies. It will benefit ALL of us.

Thank you,

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