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Comments: Don't Allow Fracking in the Ruby Mountains/2x breast cancer survivor

Dear Ms. Elliott,

When I hear about the chemicals used and leaked in fracking, I can't help but wonder if any of these Dow execs have any relatives or loved ones with breast cancer. i in 8 women get it and that number is going up and more and more young women are being diagnosed. I am 46 and otherwise healthy and resent the fact that once again we are going backwards and not forward re: preventing chemicals from poisoning the water, air, animals and humans! Will it be your mother, sister, wife or daughter next? The chemicals released in fracking are known to cause cancer and many other deadly illness and the Forest Service has its eye on a cash prize?

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 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. Vulnerable sage grouse, known to be negatively affected by oil and gas development, will inch steadily closer to extinction.

I 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.

Thank you,

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