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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 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 care about what kind of world I leave for future generations. It is so sad that you don't get that if we destroy the only planet we have, there is NOTHING for ANYONE, including YOU and your descendants! Resources ARE NOT infinite; when any resource is gone it is gone FOREVER, and all the money in the universe won't buy what doesn't exist. There IS no "Planet B"! "Human beings" are tying the noose around their own necks by ravaging the Natural World upon which ALL life depends, whether they acknowledge it or not. Every strand in the Web of Life is critical--what we do to Mother Earth we do to ourselves; the truth DOES NOT depend on what you believe. Please don't sacrifice future generations; come at least partway into the 21st Century. We don't have to go back to the Stone Age to be environmentally responsible--fossil fuels ARE the stone age. Put those jobs and revenues into clean, safe, renewable, SECURE industries for today and beyond.

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,

Barbara Fry

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