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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, and fracking and drilling for oil and gas would irreparably harm this undisturbed area.

This proposed lease is part of a troubling and growing trend of allowing for oil and gas development on lands adjacent to our precious parks. Our parks are not protected if they become islands in a sea of development.

All our park services, the BLM, wildlife agencies, etc. can, and have, worked together with local citizens, recreation and tourism businesses, and the oil and gas industry to make sure leasing decisions do not harm national and state parks.

The goal of these efforts is not to stop energy development, as our rampantly increasing legal, and illegal, population requires ever more energy. However, we need to find a balance between development and park protection. It can be done.

Thank you,

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