

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/27/2017 11:02:40 PM

First name: Leda

Last name: Gray

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Don't Allow Fracking in the Ruby Mountains

Dear Ms. Elliott,

Please do not permit ANY leasing for oil and gas in the Ruby Mountains!! The Ruby Mountains are one of the most spectacular landscapes in Nevada, and I have been there several times, with plans to return. They are a critical resource for wildlife, and they have perhaps the most spectacular wildlife displays in all of Nevada..

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.

Please, please, do not 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 impacts fracking. The only way to protect the fragile resources of the Rubies is no leasing on any of it.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Leda Beth Gray

04614