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Comments: No 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 cause harm wherever they are deployed. This place is too special to put in such danger. The waters that trout rely on could be poisoned in spills or well failures after fracking. Vulnerable sage grouse, known to be negatively affected by oil and gas development, will inch closer to extinction.

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 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,

Shannin Zevian

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