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Oh, Please no! These mountains are our pride and joy, our escape, our recreation, the learning ground for our children. This is the view we look to every day for beauty and inspiration. I have lived in Elko and Spring Creek for 37 years and the reason I stayed and made my home and raised my children here was because I found a piece of land looking out to this beauty. I built my house (with my own two hands and a lot of help) to face the mountains. I hike there regularly, photographing the birds and wildlife and the mountains themselves.

These are my personal reason to vehemently oppose any oil and gas leases in these areas. I'm sure you'll hear many others - diminishing the draw of the mountains for hunters, tourism, skiing. The destruction that can't be undone for such a short-sighted goal and the greed of a few. The risk of pollution for the ranches below.

Please do not go ahead with this plan. To think that future generations might have to negotiate the ugliness and risks that these leases would bring to take their children and grandchildren into the mountains to learn about and appreciate the majesty of nature - it hurts my heart.

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