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Hello Susan Elliott,

I thought I would take a couple minutes to weigh in on the Oil and Gas leases proposed as shown in map published in the Elko Daily Free Press.

I must say first that I am not opposed to mining, oil and gas development, or development in general. I have made a good living for a good portion of my life in the mining and energy industries. However, in this case, I just hope that all parties involved will take a close look at the value of the parcels in question from the standpoint of recreation, wildlife and general aesthetics to the area and remove these from consideration for development - both for this lease and in the next development plan.

I have done business with the landowners all through the area in question. I have hunted big game and upland birds in a good portion of this ground and ridden horses for the scenic pleasure of it on some more, so I am familiar with the area. I also spent a significant amount of time making a living and at the same time recreating in the Power River Basin in Wyoming while it was being developed for coal bed methane. Access roads for development opened it up in a density that it had not been in the past to motorized traffic. The area and the wildlife were never the same and it happened immediately. From that perspective, I know what we have to lose at the foot of the Rubies. From this perspective, this project is not compatible with my family's use of this public land so I don't believe that it will preserve my rights under multiple use principles.

Please consider my opinion when reviewing this project.

Thank You,

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