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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Fw: Draft EIS

Email Sender Name: ASOWEB\_AZ@blm.gov

Email Sender Address: ASOWEB\_AZ@blm.gov

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Lanie Youngman

<billandlanie@gma

il.com>

To

ASOWEB\_AZ@blm.gov

02/27/2011 12:30

cc

PM

Subject

Draft EIS

To whom it may concern:

For some reason, I have received a copy of your Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal EIS Draft. I have no idea how that happened. I am in South Carolina. Please check your e-mail and snail mail addresses and take my name off. You do not need to send this material to me as I'm sure it is expensive and I am obviously a non-resident.

I did look at it and hope officials there do not destroy that beautiful land. We have very little of it left.

Also, I will be glad to return this to you if that is necessary or helpful.

Lanie Youngman

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Grand Canyon and mining

Email Sender Name: Kayri Mealy

Email Sender Address: klme1943@hotmail.com

To whom it may concern:

I, Kayri Mealy, a resident of Arizona, am definitely in support of the proposal to withdraw 1,000,000 acres within the Grand Canyon area from mining - especially uranium mining which is a hazard to hikers and outdoorsmen. The proposal is essential to preserve the natural environment for future generations of all living beings, especially those in or near the Grand Canyon. A highlight of my life was the many spring vacations I spent in remote areas of the Canyon when I was a student at the University of Arizona and the University of California in the sixties. May future generations have such an opportunity too! Some places on Earth are just too sacred to be defiled unnecessarily for mere profit. The Grand Canyon is one of those places.

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Letter ID: 107 Classified as: Form Plus Associated with Form #1

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Please extend Grand Canyon watershed lands protection for 20 years

Email Sender Name: mike rudolph

Email Sender Address: geodulce@gmail.com

February 27, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

This email is in regards to the Dept. of Interior's current two-year moratorium on new mining claims and ban on development of existing claims on one million acres surrounding the Grand Canyon and directly affecting its watershed. I support the current protections, and emphatically agree they should be extended for the proposed 20 years by withdrawing public lands through "Alternative B" as defined on the Dept. of Interior press release of February 17, 2011.

The reason I support extended protection is simple: water is more valuable than gold. Healthy, clean waters foster productive, happy, thriving people and communities, not just for 2 years or 20 years, but for generations to come. This action will prevent new uranium mines that would threaten the Grand Canyon and contaminate underground aquifers that drain directly into the Colorado River--an invaluable water source for 30 million people and 3 million acres of farms. Please place my comments in the official public record of the Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

Mike Rudolph  
New Hope, PA

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: Re: uranium mines in Grand Canyon  
Email Sender Name: Kha Le  
Email Sender Address: kvle2@yahoo.com  
To: Bureau of Land Management Officials,

The environmental risks of mining uranium in Grand Canyon are much larger than the benefits it provides.

Mining will disrupt water, tourism, agriculture, recreation, hunting, fishing,... basically a lots. While the job benefit is tiny (only 0.4% increase for the 5 counties in the area).

So please do not mine uranium in/near the Grand Canyon, which is a national treasure everyone of us needs to preserve.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kha Le  
608 W Mariposa St  
Chandler, AZ 85225

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Uranium mines DON:T belong in or near the Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Allen Metz

Email Sender Address: alvirginia.metz@att.net

As residents of Arizona and lovers of this wonderful State and its natural areas, we are writing to vigorously express our opinion that the United States government should withdraw (i.e., not allow) the million acres of the Grand Canyon and Colorado River area from the mining of hard rock minerals, including gold, silver and uranium.

There are several reasons we oppose the mining of hard rock minerals in this geographic area (one of the most beautiful spots on the Earth), including the following: (1) mines will or could adversely affect tourism, wildlife, air quality and the drinking water of large numbers of people, (2) the money made on the mining would not go to the state, federal or local governments, (3) there would be almost no effect on creating new jobs for Arizona residents, (4) water could be withdrawn from agriculture, industry and recreation in Arizona, and (5) mining could disrupt the flow of seeps and springs that nourish plants and animals in Arizona.

We would appreciate it if you would let us know that this statement opposing mining was received in the correct office. Thank you.

In conclusion, PLEASE DON'T LET THIS AREA BE MINED! Allen and Virginia Metz, 9437 East Nacoma Drive, Sun Lakes, Arizona 85248

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Proposal comment

Email Sender Name: Edna Weigel

Email Sender Address: eweigel@cableone.net

I am writing to submit my comments on the proposal to withdraw a million acres from new mining claims in/near the Grand Canyon. Please accept this proposal. Public lands should be held in trust for the benefit of the public. Mining interests should NOT supercede the interests of the public. All existing mining sites on public lands should be cleaned up and sites restored before additional mines are allowed on public lands.

Sincerely,

Edna Weigel

2136 S. Barnett Rd.

Bisbee, AZ 85603

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: No new mines near Grand Canyon  
Email Sender Name: Karen Bahnick  
Email Sender Address: kbahnick@cpinternet.com  
I support withdrawing the one million acres from mining,

- 1-- The Grand Canyon is a special place visited by thousands of people each year. Clear views of the canyon are already hampered by haze and dust. Mining creates a great deal of duse. Green Valley, the site of several copper mines suffers from blowing dust from those mines.
- 2-- The area is in large part a wildlife refuge. Mining is incompatible with a wildlife refuge.
- 3-- There is no failsafe way to extract uranium without producing lasting effects for the region where it is mined. Leave the uranium in the ground where it is least hazardous.

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Karen Bahnick, Ph. D.  
Green Valley, AZ  
520-625-4217  
kbahnick@cpinternet.com

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: Grand Canyon  
Email Sender Name: Will Files  
Email Sender Address: will@wfiles.us  
To Whom It May Concern,

I support total withdrawal of the one million acres from mining, especially uranium mining, because I like to visit the Grand Canyon and with the helicopter noise and the dust, it's not what it used to be. I live in a region where there is copper mining and I can assure you, dust from the mine is a serious problem in the region.

Yours sincerely,  
Will Files  
Green Valley, AZ and  
Homer, AK

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: RE: Grand Canyon withdrawal from mining

Email Sender Name: David Preston

Email Sender Address: dbpreston11@hotmail.com

As someone who has lived in two open pit mining areas which have blighted the beauty of the areas (northern Minnesota and southern Arizona), I heartily endorse your stopping any further mining in the Grand Canyon area.

Than you for your consideration. David Preston

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Mining in the Grand canyon

Email Sender Name: Laurie Cirrincione

Email Sender Address: crinkster54@msn.com

To whom it may concern:

I support total withdrawal of the one million acres from mining, especially uranium mining, because I like to visit the Grand Canyon and with the helicopter noise and the dust, it's not what it used to be. I live in a region where there is copper mining and I can assure you, dust from the mine is a serious problem in the region.

Also, the Grand Canyon must be preserved in it's natural state and beauty for future generations. It is one of the wonders of the world, in my view, and to spoil it for what I consider a NON-green source of energy is wasteful and harmful to the environment and will be a short term investment and long term destruction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Laura Cirrincione  
Green Valley, AZ

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: PATRICK BEATTY

Email Sender Address: patrick.beatty@att.net

How can you even consider uranium mining within a thousand miles of the Grand Canyon? Have you forgotten the pile of tailings from uranium mining near Moab, Utah? Do you think it is even barely possible to mine near the Grand Canyon and not contaminate the streams flowing into the Colorado River. Uranium mining leaves the land virtually destroyed for centuries, for eons. You cannot just cover uranium tailings with some topsoil and turn the land into a park. No mining venture in the history of the United States has ever reclaimed the land around their mines. This is a National Park you are considering as the host site for mining that is of minimal importance compared to the destruction the uranium mining will do to the Grand Canyon. If you have any questions about how I feel about this ungodly scheme, please call at 928/541-9086. And the same for the horse you rode in on.

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: NO Uranium Mining at Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Philip Amorosi

Email Sender Address: philamo@cox.net

Dear BLM,

I have been an AZ resident for over 35 years. I have been all over the Grand Canyon. It isn't just the majesty it is the flora and fauna that make it unique too. I don't care how careful the mining company says they will be. There are always leaks and to leak into the Colorado River that supplies water to several states and 20 million people is just to great a risk. I would not want that on my conscious. Examples: In 1979 an earthen dam breached, relasing 1,100 tons of radioactive mill waste and 90 million gallons of contaminated water into a tributary of the Little Colorado River.

In 1984, a flash flood washed tons of high-grade uranium ore from the Hack Canyon Mine into Kanab Creek which drains into the Grand Canyon. The Orphan Mine on the south rim of the Grand Canyon continues to contaminate creeks so the Park Rangers have to warn backpackers along the Tonto Trail not to use the water.

This madness has to stop. Uranium mining close to one of the Seven Wonders of the World is not worth it!

thanks for your time,

Phil Amorosi

1432 E. Cedar St.

Tempe, AZ. 85281

480-968-5530

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: draft EIS for uranium mining near Grand Canyon  
Email Sender Name: Mike Seyfried  
Email Sender Address: mseyfriedjr@msn.com  
Dear Sirs:

I am submitting my comments in response to the draft EIS for the proposed uranium mining near the Grand Canyon. I support Alternative B as the best proposal. Thank you.

William M Seyfried Jr  
128 Primero Way  
Henderson, NV 89074

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: uranium mining at Grand Canyon  
Email Sender Name: gregor knauer  
Email Sender Address: gregorknauer@gmail.com  
Absolutely. Not.

No uranium mining at the Grand Canyon!  
Even if the extraction industry paid handsomely for the privilege of mining, it wouldn't be possible to undo the desecration of the environment.

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Haryaksha Gregor Knauer  
Arizona Green Party

PO Box 7931  
Apache Station  
Tempe, AZ 85281  
480-966-0649

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: comment from frequent visitor to AZ and Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Kristine Johnson

Email Sender Address: johnson.k@bresnan.net

Hurray for the Proposed Action. Thank-you for being good stewards of the land and water and protecting a national treasure that is oh so worthy. I support withdrawing the millions acres. Kristine Johnson, Durango, CO

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: uranium mining, Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Jinny Moore

Email Sender Address: jinnymoore@yahoo.com

I oppose the planned mining of uranium near/by/ in the Grand Canyon. Please don't allow this rape of our national park.

Virginia Moore

896 2nd Ave

Mancos, CO 81328

970-533-7118

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: in favor of proposal

Email Sender Name: Kathleen Marie Epp

Email Sender Address: kepp@gobrainstorm.net

I would just like to voice my opinion that I am glad of the possiblity of protecting the Grand Canyon area with the 20 year proposal to restrict mining, however, twenty years is a very short time. It might take longer for the present short-sighted fluctuation of public and governmental opinion to realize the importance of this protection. I believe a 100 year moratorium would be wiser.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Mare Epp

PO Box 2194

Durango, CO 81302

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Please say no to uranium mining near the Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Zachary Shaffer

Email Sender Address: zshaffe@asu.edu

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask that the moratorium on uranium mining in the vicinity of the Grand Canyon be extended as long as possible! Where private entities would be greatly enriched by the mining of uranium -- a public good on public land - the state of Arizona would pay the price long into the future. Uranium mining would provide no benefit other than to enrich these robber barons. Long after these scoundrels had left with money in the bank, the good people of Arizona would be left with the waste of uranium mining: tainted water and environmental hazards for generations to contend with.

We need look no further than the legacy of uranium mining on the Navajo reservation. The Navajo were always a people famous for their lack of cancer. That changed with the uranium mining of the cold war. Uranium mining on the Colorado plateau has amounted to a multiple generation-long tragedy. Why should history repeat itself? Please extend the moratorium and send these rotten profiteers back to whatever rock they live under.

Most sincerely yours,

Zack Shaffer (father and teacher)

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Subject: Fw: Mining in the Grand Canyon  
Email Sender Name: desteven@blm.gov  
Email Sender Address: desteven@blm.gov

Dear Ms. Huggenvik,

I am forwarding your comment to the official comment email for consideration in the development of the final Northern Arizona Proposed Mineral Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement.

Deborah E. Stevens  
Public Affairs Specialist  
One North Central Ave., Suite 800  
Phoenix, AZ 85004-4427  
Phone: 602-417-9215  
Fax: 602-417-9424  
Email: deborah\_stevens@blm.gov

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Jodi Huggenvik <jhuggenvik@siumed.edu>

02/21/2011 05:53 AM To  
ASOWEB\_AZ@blm.gov  
cc  
Mike Collard <mcollard@siumed.edu>  
Subject  
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Dear Officers of the Bureau of Land Management,

I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon National Monument and Colorado River Watershed from any mining and I only support Alternative D which would prohibit mining in the entire area for 20 years. I have enjoyed the Grand Canyon from top to bottom and have been able to float down the Colorado River in non-motorized rafts through the majestic Grand Canyon two times. The beauty of these lands must be preserved for future generations and they must not be destroyed by mining so a few people get rich.

People from all over the world come to see the Grand Canyon for its beauty and tranquility. The Colorado River is the primary water source for 18 million people. Mining anywhere in the vicinity would mar it with noise, machines, and destruction of the natural land formations and contaminate the water supply. It is unthinkable that anyone would even suggest this action.

Save the entire 1,010,776 acres of federal estate surrounding the Grand Canyon National Monument and Colorado River Watershed for all Americans and the millions of foreign visitors each year by preventing any mining. NO MINING.

From those of us who want to preserve and protect the Grand Canyon, we say NO MINING.

Sincerely,

Jodi Huggenvik, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
Department of Physiology  
Southern Illinois University  
Carbondale, IL 62901-6512

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: New mines/Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Klinggilbert@aol.com

Email Sender Address: Klinggilbert@aol.com

Sirs and Madams:

The two-year moratorium on new "hard rocks" mines, esp. uranium, needs to be made a permanent one. This is too precious a National Park and needs to be kept that way.

Millions of people downstream depend for our drinking water on the CO river and we can't afford the possibility of contamination and spills. As we learned with BP in the Gulf region, these things happen too often and are catastrophic with enduring damage for decades of time.

Please put a permanent stop to all new mines on the 1 million acres surrounding the Grand Canyon.

Dianne Kling

290 W. Baylor Ln.

Gilbert, AZ 85233

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: Fw: blm mining grand canyon  
Email Sender Name: desteven@blm.gov  
Email Sender Address: desteven@blm.gov

Dear Ms. Krakower,

I am forwarding your comment to the official comment email for consideration in the development of the final Northern Arizona Proposed Mineral Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement.

Deborah E. Stevens  
Public Affairs Specialist  
One North Central Ave., Suite 800  
Phoenix, AZ 85004-4427  
Phone: 602-417-9215  
Fax: 602-417-9424  
Email: deborah\_stevens@blm.gov

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Louise Krakower <lkrakower@att.net>

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<ASOWEB\_AZ@blm.gov>  
cc  
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blm mining grand canyon

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How do I tell the young children I have just taught and who were not only fascinated by the Grand Canyon in our country, but saw it as our Nation Treasure , that now BLM is deciding how much (and I pray it's the alternative that says no land can be used for Uranium mining ) may be taken away for truly greedy reason.

I understand that may not be reason enough for you all but it's enough to stand in front of any equipment that would rape that fair abundant beauty we still have.

L. Krakower  
California

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject:

Email Sender Name: Steve Curtis

Email Sender Address: sac\_002@hotmail.com

I would like to address the withdrawal as to the impact on the United States not just to Az.

For those of you, that do not yet understand this, the United States is broke, yet From the State level to the Federal Level proposals

Like this Withdrawal and more regulation continue, Their is no question that this withdrawal will destroy more jobs.

And here, like elsewhere the destruction of private Co. jobs continue unabated.

I am sending this to tell you

EVERY JOB THAT IS DESTROYED DOES MATTER.

State jobs are being slashed everywhere, and it is just a matter of time until Federal jobs follow.

This mode of self destruction must stop, and this is a good place to start

If you have no compassion for your fellow country men and women, then think of your own family's future and put an end to this.

Steve Curtis  
61 Artist View  
Smith NV 89430  
sac\_002@hotmail.com <mailto:sac\_002@hotmail.com>  
775-997-4651 [cell]  
775-465-2609

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: Grand canyon  
Email Sender Name: Eileen Morrison  
Email Sender Address: emorrison10@hotmail.com  
Please opt-out of mining at the Grand Canyon.

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: Please, No Mining in Grand Canyon  
Email Sender Name: C Kunishige  
Email Sender Address: darlaxox8@gmail.com  
Dear Sirs/Madam:

Please preserve the future of our water sources and the granduer of the Grand Canyon by withdrawing the million acres from mining. And definitely no uranium mining!

Cindy Kunishige  
P.O. Box 818  
Santa Maria, CA 93456

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: Stewards of the Earth  
Email Sender Name: Sue Bell  
Email Sender Address: sue.bell@cox.net  
Please do not allow uranium mining near the Grand Canyon.

Susan Bell

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: Mining near the Grand Canyon  
Email Sender Name: Glenn Osborne  
Email Sender Address: grozbrn@gmail.com

I want to voice my opposition to any mining near Grand Canyon National park or in any of its watersheds. This area is a part of our national heritage and should be protected from the effects of mining!

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Project  
Email Sender Name: Robert Ed  
Email Sender Address: roberted7568@gmail.com  
Dear Sir or Madam,

We urge the Secretary of Interior to withdraw the million acres of public land around Grand Canyon National Park from mining for the foreseeable future.

Too much is at stake, including tourism, wildlife, air quality, and quality of drinking water. And the benefits to the economies of the local communities in the area, the counties, and the state(s) would be insignificant.

Please don't place Grand Canyon National Park in jeopardy. Withdraw the public land from mining.

Thank you.

Robert and Viva Lee Ed  
P.O. Box 1024  
Congress, AZ 85332

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Grand Canyon Mining

Email Sender Name: Carollee Kimble

Email Sender Address: carolleek@gmail.com

I do not support any uranium mining anywhere near my precious Grand Canyon. OR near any reservations or tribal lands. Or near any residential areas--that means at least 1,000 miles away. We do not need to mine anywhere near the Canyon. You already know that.

Carollee Kimble

Clarkdale, Az. 86324

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Mining near Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Dan Heffernan

Email Sender Address: azeearthwalker@yahoo.com

To Whom it May Concern,

I have read the appendixes at the BLM site on the withdrawal of minerals in northern Arizona. What I and my family would like to see is a lifelong ban on Uranium mining or any other mining anywhere near the magnificent Grand Canyon. I would like to see the Watershed Protection Act immediately enforced.

Arizona gains nothing from the proposed mines, Canada gets the profit. What do the people of Arizona and the 4 Corners get: 1) more pollution

2) a large footprint from excavating equipment

3) more noise pollution

4) our water source being poisoned

5) and the eventual destruction of one of the most beautiful places on Earth

The damn dam was bad enough (Glen Canyon) as was the upheaval of the Native Americans in the area.

We do not want and do not need mining at or near the Canyon, leave the Colorado Plateau ALONE!!!

Sincerely,

Dan Heffernan

5329 W. Garden Dr.

Glendale, Az. 85304

azeearthwalker@yahoo.com

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: Grand Canyon input from citizens  
Email Sender Name: Carol Foutts  
Email Sender Address: cfoutts@cox.net  
To Whom It May Concern,

Please note that my husband and I both strongly reject the idea of mining anywhere near the Grand Canyon; the meager benefits do not justify the risks to our water supplies and the health of our citizens.

We absolutely insist that the million acres in question be withdrawn from any mining development.

Please choose to protect our citizens and our precious lands in and around AZ from any further destruction from the mining industry.

Respectfully,

Carol and Terry Foutts

27040 N 32nd Lane

Phoenix, AZ 85083

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Re: Uranium Mining near the Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: elkinsjohn@cox.net

Email Sender Address: elkinsjohn@cox.net

To Whom it may concern,

We would like to express our serious concern regarding the possibility of Uranium Mining in the vicinity of the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River. The Colorado River water is vital to the survival of people and wildlife living in the desert south west. Also, the Grand Canyon is an extremely beautiful location that has numerous visitors every day.

It would be a complete disaster to risk what we have mentioned above when there are ample Uranium deposits available in other parts of the country.

Sincerely yours,

John & Judy Elkins

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Project  
Email Sender Name: Michael Martindale  
Email Sender Address: mmartindale@craltd.com

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you in response to the article in today's Republic to express in the strongest terms possible my opposition to new mining of any kind in the Grand Canyon Area of the Southwest. I strongly support any measures to remove mining in any form in this area.

A year ago November I participated in a mountain bike ride for charity across the Navajo Reservation from Mexican Hat Utah to Winslow Arizona and the desecration and waste that we saw from earlier mining operations was appalling. In the Corn House Chapter House area there are very high incidents of childhood cancer. Likely caused by polluted water wells that have been left untreated since the earlier mining interests departed. There are currently no well testing or remediation efforts underway that we were aware of and the Tribe is not getting funding or assistance to transport these ill children to area hospitals that are often hundreds of miles away. This is not a condition that the Federal Government should have allowed in the first place and ought to be properly investigated and remediated.

The ecosystem in the area is fragile at best and it would be a tragedy to see any new mining in the area. It is criminal that the earlier mining efforts were allowed to depart the area without clean up and restoration of clean drinking water.

The coal mining and coal burning in the area causes such obvious and visible pollution that Arizona is once again on the failure side of any environmental measurement. Any 'employment' argument made to support coal mining in this area to support only 650 jobs is not viable and alternative energy development could employ hundreds of additional or replacement jobs. Alternative energy could also power the remote portions of this area to provide electricity to scattered homes and ranches.

Let me know if this comment makes it into the public record, I would be pleased to supplement this with additional comments and I will be copying friends who in turn will rally additional support to work to remove mining from this area and to endeavor to create more sustainable development and employment for the area.

Gil and Troy we ought to get the Rez gang all over this public hearing process!!

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Best regards,

Michael

Please note our new address below effective December 17.

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Comment on Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Project / Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: GARY BARNES

Email Sender Address: gbarnes6614@msn.com

Sirs,

I would like to voice my opposition to Uranium Mining / Grand Canyon.

The uranium in question on the Colorado Plateau and near Grand Canyon will be mined and milled here in the US. Both processes result in large amounts of radioactive wastes that can create an environmental nightmare. The company that will benefit from the uranium is Denison, a Canadian-based company, that is partially owned by South Korea (20%). The processed uranium will go to South Korea to fuel their nuclear power programs (51 plants and counting)---and possibly their nuclear weapons. Other Denison customers include France. The US will get the waste products while foreign countries will get the processed uranium---where this eventually ends up is anyone's guess. As to clean-up---it will be physically impossible to backtrack and conduct any kind of remediation should the wastes contaminate the aquifers underlying the Colorado Plateau. Does anyone believe a South Korean company is going to spend billions to correct any contamination?

Uranium mining around Grand Canyon will exploit uranium ore that collected over millions of years in breccia pipes. These 'tubes' developed as oceans drained and functioned as filters to strain and collect the uranium.

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/20...> <<http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2010/5025/>> The danger of mining these breccia pipes is that the processing will introduce radioactivity into the ground water far above the ambient radioactivity of the intact ore.

The nuclear power industry within the US has slowed dramatically since the Three Mile Island meltdown thirty years ago. The power generated is not cheap when safety and environmental concerns have to be taken into account and paid for. The waste products from mining up to spent fuel rods are hazardous for many lifetimes. The US no longer needs the uranium for nuclear weapons---we have enough to blow away the human population many times over. Uranium mining was done on the Navajo Nation beginning with the development of the atomic bomb and all through the Cold War. The mines have been abandoned leaving the Navajo to deal with the contamination. The miners were never told of the dangers of working in the uranium mines---even after the US knew of the health risks. The contaminated soil, water, and air has resulted in numerous deaths. See "Yellow Dirt: An American Story of a Poisoned Land and a People Betrayed" by Judy Pasternak (2010).

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009...> <<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/27/us/27navajo.html>>  
<http://serc.carleton.edu/re...> <[http://serc.carleton.edu/research\\_education/nativelands/navajo/](http://serc.carleton.edu/research_education/nativelands/navajo/)>

Yet another Native American tribe will be impacted, the Havasupai, who live within Grand Canyon. The pending permit to operate for the mine near Tusuyuan will result in contamination of the watershed, air, and soil directly above their home. The mining will be done next to Red Butte, a sacred site for several Native American tribes. This small tribe stands to be destroyed should uranium mining wastes invade their home. A website under construction to protect the Havasupai Tribe (along with other Native American peoples associated with Grand Canyon) is here:

<http://www.stopuraniumminin...> <<http://www.stopuraniummining.org/>>

The AZ Department of Environmental Quality is NOT prepared to monitor or enforce regulations over the uranium mining. When the Cold War ended and the profit dropped out of the uranium mining business, it was no longer necessary for AZDEQ to have uranium mine inspections. The recent history with inspecting and regulating uranium mines is not very good:

<http://azdailysun.com/news/...> <[http://azdailysun.com/news/local/article\\_ed01285c-c990-5f0a-b12-6-](http://azdailysun.com/news/local/article_ed01285c-c990-5f0a-b12-6-)

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For a listing of uranium mining issue articles, reporter Cindy Cole of the AZ Daily Sun (Flagstaff) has written a series of articles as the uranium mining issue has developed:

<http://azdailysun.com/searc...>

<[http://azdailysun.com/search/?l=50&sd=desc&s=start\\_time&f=html&-q=uranium+mine+grand+canyon](http://azdailysun.com/search/?l=50&sd=desc&s=start_time&f=html&-q=uranium+mine+grand+canyon)>

There's no good reason to proceed with uranium mining permits save greed.

Gary Barnes  
Environmental Health Specialist / Keyword Consultants  
413 East Forest Drive  
Payson, AZ  
85541

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Comments on mining

Email Sender Name: Jean and Mike

Email Sender Address: [jeanandmikeb@cox.net](mailto:jeanandmikeb@cox.net)

To whom it may concern at the BLM -

We want to strongly urge you NOT to allow uranium mining anywhere near the Grand Canyon. It is a national treasure and mining in any form will harm it. I can't imagine why anyone in their right mind, would even consider allowing mining near a National Park.

Jean and Michael Butterfield  
3126 E. Woodland Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85248

[jeanandmikeb@cox.net](mailto:jeanandmikeb@cox.net)

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Hardrock Mineral Development in Northern Arizona near the Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Fred Binder

Email Sender Address: febinder@cox.net

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to encourage you to support Alternative B of the proposed plans to withdraw areas from mining in the Grand Canyon area. The risks to this very special place outweigh the possible benefits of mining.

Thank You,

Fred Binder

8668 W. Quail Ave.

Peoria, AZ 85382

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Letter ID: 224 Classified as: Form Plus Associated with Form #1

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: I support Alternative B withdrawal of public lands from new mining claims and dev around GC

Email Sender Name: Kathy Farretta

Email Sender Address: kathyfpr2@earthlink.net

February 21, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

Please extend the Dept. of Interior's current 2 year moratorium that bans new mining claims and development of existing claims across the one million acres of watershed around the Grand Canyon. I support that protection for 20 years by withdrawing public lands through "Alternative B" as defined on the DOI February 17, 2011 press release.

This action will prevent new uranium mines that would threaten the Grand Canyon and contaminate underground aquifers that drain directly into the Colorado River--an invaluable water source for 30 million people and 3 million acres of farms.

This will also prevent new uranium mines which could threaten perched aquifers which feed springs across our dry region.

In the face of the uncertain future of waterfall across this region, our aquifers are increasingly precious and we cannot risk their contamination.

Please place my comments (but not my address preferably) in the official public record of the Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

Kathy Farretta  
4045 Lake Mary Road #32  
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001  
kathyfpr2@earthlink.net

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: Betty Miller

Email Sender Address: godmother57@gmail.com

I am opposed to allowing uranium mining in the Grand Canyon. Too much is at risk to allow this type of activity.

Thanks you

Betty Miller

4015 N 78th ST #136

Scottsdale AZ 85251

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Letter ID: 244 Classified as: Unique Letter

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Comment regarding uranium mining near the Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Shelly Martin

Email Sender Address: shelly@visitingtheancients.com

Regarding uranium mining near the Grand Canyon - I support Alternative B, because:

Uranium mining produces no long-term economic benefits and risks permanently polluted landscapes. It threatens irreparable harm to the Grand Canyon and its nearly five million visitors. Tourism, not mining, has been the mainstay of the region's economy. BLM is grossly inflating revenue projections for uranium mining and fails to reveal that most revenues go to Utah or overseas—not Arizona. Uranium mining imposes long-term health risks on local communities and is costing federal taxpayers billions of dollars to clean the mess from its last boom. We simply cannot afford another round of this deadly legacy.

Visitation to the Grand Canyon generates \$687 million annually in direct, indirect and induced revenues, and contributes to the creation of more than 290,000 tourism-related jobs in the state.

There are many more reasons why the Grand Canyon Trust is supporting the 20-year ban on new mining claims, including:

- \* Contamination of soil and surface and ground waters that drain into the Colorado River, which supplies drinking water to 25 million people.
- \* Desecration of sacred sites for Havasupai, Hualapai, Kaibab Paiute, Zuni, Hopi, and Navajo people.
- \* Fragmentation of wildlife habitat and harm to condors and other endangered species.
- \* Industrialization of public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park.

Shelly Martin

Cultural Resources Specialist

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<http://visitingtheancients.com/blog/>

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Uranium mining

Email Sender Name: Ellinor Woodworth

Email Sender Address: ellinor@translator-pro.com

Dear BLM,

Please do not allow uranium or any other kind of mining in or near our national treasure, the Grand Canyon. This unique and beloved swath of land is among the (if not THE) most popular tourist destination in the world. The land is sacred to several American Indian tribes, and beloved by all Americans, except those wishing to exploit it for profit. The wildlife and balance of nature are in a precarious situation, and allowing the Canyon and environs to be exploited could be the tipping point. The condor has come back from a point of nearly no return - let's not put this magnificent creature at risk again.

I love Arizona. Even though I don't live there, I would like to and have relatives who do. Please don't spoil it for short-term gain. The price we pay would be eternal regret, for us and for generations to come.

Sincerely yours,  
Ellinor Woodworth

US citizen currently living abroad, absentee voter in NY 10021

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72414 Rangendingen  
Germany

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: RE: Public Comment

Email Sender Name: Gail RICHARDSON

Email Sender Address: [envirogail@msn.com](mailto:envirogail@msn.com)

Sorry, I sent an e-mail comment twice because I wasn't sure the first one went through. Just disregard this one if you got my first one. Thanks! Gail Richardson

-----Original Message-----

From: [envirogail@msn.com](mailto:envirogail@msn.com) [mailto:[envirogail@msn.com](mailto:envirogail@msn.com)]

Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2011 7:53 PM

To: 'NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org'

Subject: Public Comment

We would like to lend our support for your proposed action, Alternative B, concerning the withdrawal of public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park from uranium mining. We've visited and recreated in this area over the years and cannot imagine a more inappropriate place for uranium mining. This spectacular region supports N. Arizona's tourism-based economy; it supports rare and impressive wildlife like bighorn, condors and bald eagles; the Colorado River provides drinking water to 25 million people; sacred sites of native peoples abound; the vistas are among the most famous in the world drawing 5 million visitors per year.

The industrialization of public lands around Grand Canyon National Park would cause water, air and noise pollution that would seriously degrade the park and people's experience of it; watersheds, springs and seeps would be affected. The toxicity and radiation of uranium are well-known, with serious public health consequences. Clean-ups of uranium mining sites have cost untold millions of taxpayer money, but the land and soils are still permanently polluted. There are some places that simply must be protected from this kind of activity. We expect you to select Alternative B because future generations deserve to experience the Grand Canyon and these other wild lands the way we have, because in reality there is no other alternative.

Sincerely,

Gail and John Richardson  
5263 Cimmeron Drive  
Bozeman, MT 59715

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Draft EIS: uranium claims in northern Arizona

Email Sender Name: Ellen Dornan

Email Sender Address: ellen@queenellen.com

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Alternative B of your Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Draft Environmental impact statement. All the lands under consideration should be withdrawn from all mining claims for 20 years. As a frequent recreational user of northern Arizona's BLM lands, any mining activity in the area, particularly toxic uranium mining, would be a seriously negative impact on our use and enjoyment of the area. I practice "leave no trace" camping; can the uranium miners say the same?

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Ellen Dornan

<http://queenellen.com>

Technology is the campfire around which we tell our stories

-- Laurie Anderson

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Public Comment

Email Sender Name: Gail RICHARDSON

Email Sender Address: envirogail@msn.com

We would like to lend our support for your proposed action, Alternative B, concerning the withdrawal of public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park from uranium mining. We've visited and recreated in this area over the years and cannot imagine a more inappropriate place for uranium mining. This spectacular region supports N. Arizona's tourism-based economy; it supports rare and impressive wildlife like bighorn, condors and bald eagles; the Colorado River provides drinking water to 25 million people; sacred sites of native peoples abound; the vistas are among the most famous in the world drawing 5 million visitors per year.

The industrialization of public lands around Grand Canyon National Park would cause water, air and noise pollution that would seriously degrade the park and people's experience of it; watersheds, springs and seeps would be affected. The toxicity and radiation of uranium are well-known, with serious public health consequences. Clean-ups of uranium mining sites have cost untold millions of taxpayer money, but the land and soils are still permanently polluted. There are some places that simply must be protected from this kind of activity. We expect you to select Alternative B because future generations deserve to experience the Grand Canyon and these other wild lands the way we have, because in reality there is no other alternative.

Sincerely,

Gail and John Richardson  
5263 Cimmaron Drive  
Bozeman, MT 59715

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM

Subject: Proposed withdrawal of uranium mining on public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park pub

Email Sender Name: Gail RICHARDSON

Email Sender Address: envirogail@msn.com

We would like to lend our support to your proposed action, Alternative B, concerning the withdrawal of uranium mining surrounding Grand Canyon National Park, one of our, and the world's, most impressive landscapes. We have visited and recreated in the Grand Canyon and some of the public lands in question over the years. This area is our national and natural heritage: it supports the tourism-based economy of N. Arizona, spectacular wildlife such as condors, bighorn and bald eagles, sacred sites of native peoples, drinking water for 25 million people and unimaginable vistas. If there were a worse place for uranium mining, we don't know it.

The toxicity and radiation of uranium are well-known, along with the public health risks. Permanent pollution of lands and soils contaminated by uranium mining has led to taxpayer clean-ups costing many millions of dollars. Damage to watersheds, seeps and springs in this ecosystem would be irreparable. Noise, water and air pollution would irreparably harm the integrity of Grand Canyon National Park.

We thank you for thinking of future generations in making your decision.

Sincerely,

Gail and John Richardson  
5263 Cimмерon Drive  
Bozeman, MT 59715

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:24 AM  
Subject: support for Alternative B  
Email Sender Name: Kristina Young  
Email Sender Address: kristinaey@gmail.com  
To whom it may concern:

I would like to express my support for the Department of Interior's proposed ban on all new uranium mining claims within public land watersheds that drain directly into Grand Canyon National Park. I support Alternative B.

Thank you,  
Kristina Young

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:25 AM  
Subject: Wisest Choice  
Email Sender Name: Rich  
Email Sender Address: thesouliswhatyouare@yahoo.com  
To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding mining and development in the greater Grand Canyon area, I strongly request that the option of withdrawing one (1) million acres from any such mining and development be the option that is chosen. I strongly believe that this will prove to be the wisest choice and in keeping with the pledge and promise to be good stewards of the land to which, for so doing, we will be rewarded for, now and in the greater future. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Rich InLove

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Subject: Fw: Voting on Agency Preferred Alternative  
Email Sender Name: choryza@blm.gov  
Email Sender Address: choryza@blm.gov

Chris Horyza  
Planning and Environmental Coordinator  
BLM, Arizona State Office  
602-417-9446

----- Forwarded by Chris Horyza/AZSO/AZ/BLM/DOI on 02/20/2011 10:06 AM

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Gregory Yount

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To

choryza@blm.gov

cc

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<Alicyn.Gitlin@nau.edu>, Bill

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<tpatton@quatterra.com>, "Terry W. Fox" <twfox@bellsouth.net>, Wallace Mays <wmmi@aol.com>  
Subject  
Re: Voting on Agency Preferred Alternative

Chris,

Thank you for your timely reply. I did read quite carefully the Dear Reader introduction and you are correct that to receive a written response (and included in the final EIS report) that the comment must be

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substantive, however the letter goes on to say:

Comments that are not substantive generally contain only opinion or preferences, but will be considered and included as part of the decision-making process. They will not, however, receive a formal response from the BLM. Comments that are not considered substantive include the following:

- comments in favor of or against the Proposed Action or alternatives that do not include reasoning that meets the criteria listed above.

I emphasized the above. This means that an opinion as to what alternative to choose will be considered and used in the decision making process. When you combine the above statement with:

From Chapter 2.6-

The CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1502.14(e) and Department of Interior regulations at 43 CFR 46.425 direct that an EIS "identify the agency's preferred alternative or alternatives, if one or more exists, in the draft statement and identify such alternative in the final statement unless another law prohibits the expression of such a preference." According to CEQ, the agency's preferred alternative "is the alternative that the agency believes would fulfill its statutory mission and responsibilities, giving consideration to economic, environmental, technical and other factors" (CEQ 1981:Question 4). BLM has not identified a preferred alternative in this DEIS and is soliciting public comments and input with respect to the identification of a preferred alternative. (Where is the substantive comment part?? This is asking for an opinion) Based on a review of public comments, BLM will identify a preferred alternative in the Final EIS.

Based on the fact that opinion comments will be considered to in the decision making process and the fact that based on these comments, the BLM will identify a preferred alternative in the final EIS, how can anyone not conclude that this is voting and that the voting will determine the preferred alternative for the Final EIS.

One other note, the BLM is the lead agency for the EIS and therefore the person responsible is the lead agency's official with line responsibility for preparing the EIS and assuring its adequacy is responsible for identifying the agency's preferred alternative(s).

Are you saying the Secretary of the Interior is the BLM's official with line responsibility for preparing the EIS? I can see that the Secretary is the decision maker, but it seems that he is violating the NEPA process to interject himself at the lead agency level.

I will be providing voluminous written and substantive comments in the near future. One final comment, the NEPA rules indicate that the EIS be as

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compact as possible and not to run too much over 300 pages. This EIS is way beyond this and 45 days to review and comment is scarcely enough time to do this.

Gregory Yount  
Manager  
The NAU Project, LLC

--- On Sat, 2/19/11, choryza@blm.gov <choryza@blm.gov> wrote:

From: choryza@blm.gov <choryza@blm.gov>  
Subject: Re: Voting on Agency Preferred Alternative  
To: "Gregory Yount" <gregory\_yount@northern-arizona-uranium-project.com>  
Cc: "Angela D Parker" <adparker@fs.fed.us>, "Alicyn Gitlin" <Alicyn.Gitlin@nau.edu>, "Bill Casadevall" <casadevall@dbstephens.com>, "Cyndy Cole" <ccole@azdailysun.com>, "CJC" <cjxland@msn.com>, "Corbin Newman" <cnewman02@fs.fed.us>, "Commission-Hulet" <commission-hulet@kane.state.ut.us>, "Dr Karen J Weinrich" <crystalsul@aol.com>, "Larry D. Turner" <dirxploration@fastmail.us>, djysrv@gmail.com, "Donn Pillmore" <d.pillmore@energyfuels.com>, "Eugene Spiering" <espiering@quatterra.com>, "Harold Roberts" <hroberts@denisonmines.com>, "Iltys" <iltturner@mindspring.com>, "Jim Mack" <jandjmack@cox.net>, "James Briscoe" <jbriscoe@libertystaruranium.com>, "Jeff Garrett" <jeff\_garrett@blm.gov>, "John D. Fognani" <jfognani@fognanilaw.com>, "John Lacy" <jlacy@dmyl.com>, "John Hoffmann" <jphoffma@usgs.gov>, "KathyBenedetto" <Kathy.Benedetto@mail.house.gov>, "Kris Hefton" <kris.hefton@vaneminerals.com>, "Steven J. Lechner" <lechner@mountainstateslegal.com>, "Lorraine Christian" <Lorraine\_Christian@blm.gov>, "Liz M Schuppert" <lschuppert@fs.fed.us>, "Laura Skaer" <lskaer@nwma.org>, "Madan Singh" <madan.singh@mines.az.gov>, "Burkhardt Glynn" <miner5701@yahoo.com>, "Michael Williams" <mrwilliams01@fs.fed.us>, mshumake@blm.gov, "Nyal Niemuth" <njn22r@hotmail.com>, "PAMELA HILL" <phill2647@msn.com>, "Pat Hillard" <ptrckhlld@aol.com>, "Ron Hochstein" <rhochstein@denisonmines.com>, "Rody Cox" <rody\_cox@blm.gov>, "Scott Florence" <Scott\_Florence@blm.gov>, "Roger Smith" <silverarrowstone@yahoo.com>, "Taylor McKinnon" <tmckinnon@biologicaldiversity.org>, "Thomas Patton" <tpatton@quatterra.com>, "Terry W. Fox" <twfox@bellsouth.net>, "Wallace Mays" <wmami@aol.com>  
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Gregory,

Page 2 of the Dear Reader letter in the beginning of the Draft EIS, as well as any other information we have provided concerning the kinds of comments we are looking for, make it clear we are NOT seeking a vote, but rather seek comments that are "substantive". Both in the Dear Reader Letter and in Newsletter #2, (provided on our web page at <http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/mining/timeout/news-rels.html>) we say explicitly that:

"In order to be considered and to merit a written response, comments must be in writing (paper or electronic format), substantive, and timely.

Substantive comments do one or more of the following:

- question, with reasonable basis (emphasis mine), the accuracy of information in the DEIS.
- question, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analysis.
- present valid new information relevant to the analysis.
- present reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed in the DEIS.
- cause changes or revisions in one or more of the alternatives."

Despite what you read into the fact that the EIS doesn't have a preferred alternative, these are the kinds of comments we are seeking. The reason there is no Preferred Alternative is that the Secretary of Interior (who is the decision maker for this project, not BLM or any of the other Federal agencies involved ) is sincerely interested in hearing the substantive participation and comment provided by all perspectives during this public comment period.

We appreciate your involvement and if you have a substantive comment to make I encourage you do so at [NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org](mailto:NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org).

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Subject

Voting on Agency Preferred

Alternative

To All,

Does anyone know how common it is for the responsible agency for an EIS to hold a vote while soliciting comments to their Draft EIS as to which

Alternative shall be the Preferred Alternative in the Final EIS. This is

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what the BLM has done in their Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Draft

EIS.

The BLM has chosen not to select a Preferred Alternative in the Draft

EIS.

Holding a vote seems to be contradictory to using sound scientific and  
and  
analytical processes to find the best alternative.

Gregory Yount

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:25 AM

Subject: I support Alternative B

Email Sender Name: Virginia Brothers

Email Sender Address: vbrothers@sbcglobal.net

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support Alternative B of the Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal DEIS that bans for 20 years any new uranium mining claims on 1 million acres of watershed around the Grand Canyon. This action will prevent permanently polluted landscapes and contaminated surface water and underground aquifers that drain directly into the Colorado River which supplies drinking water for at least 25 million people.

Preserve this national treasure for all Americans and sacred sites for Native Americans!

Virginia Brothers  
988 Peralta Avenue  
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Sent from my iPad

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:25 AM

Subject:

Email Sender Name: Crista Worthy

Email Sender Address: cristaworthy@hotmail.com

I urge the BLM to withdraw these lands from any mining, particularly uranium mining.

Mining will not only disrupt wildlife,  
it will destroy the scenic value of the mined areas,  
cause erosion,  
and, most importantly, lead to toxic discharge into the surrounding areas.

We have already seen how hundreds of areas within the Navajo reservation have been rendered toxic by wastes created by uranium mining. Many people who live on the reservation have been stricken with cancer and suffered other ill effects.

We do not need to risk release of radioactive materials into the nearby Colorado River, which provides drinking water to 30 million people.

There are many other places to mine for uranium, and I request that these lands be withdrawn completely from mining.

Crista Worthy  
12021 Wilshire Blvd #663  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:25 AM  
Subject: Comment for Alternative B  
Email Sender Name: Terence Haley  
Email Sender Address: haleyp26@yahoo.com  
Dear Representative of the Interior,

I recently visited the Grand Canyon in September 2010 and was taken away with the beauty and untouched wilderness of the area. I flew over 2,000 miles and drove another 650 miles to reach the National Park and spent over 4,000.00 USD just to see the canyon.

Every year millions of people like me who dream of seeing the natural beauty of the Grand Canyon National Park and Kaibab National Forest are willing to spend money. This money will always have the greatest overall impact on the economy in Northern Arizona and generate more jobs than any mine in the region ever will.

Based on my experience in the Grand Canyon National Park and Kaibab National Forest, mining operations within and around these areas will detract from the natural beauty, disturb the wildlife and permanently change the pristine area that people love.

The mining may also contaminate water from the Colorado river that flows through this area. Even if there exists data to support that mining can be done safely in this area, the risk of flawed logic and flawed science that regularly result from studies of even the most educated and accomplished scientists and technical experts is too great to risk contaminating the Colorado River for a small amount of minerals. Our drinking water is continually contaminated by companies across the United States with toxic chemicals such as Hexavalent Chromium and the EPA nor the companies can control the chemical release even when safety studies have been performed, similar to what the mining companies will present.

Approving new mining in these areas is a huge mistake that will permanently deface the area and could risk a catastrophic impact on the water for small short term gains in minerals. The tourism is a long term solution for the economy in Northern Arizona and should be respected by respecting the land that people pay to see.

If a complete ban on current and future mining operations in the Grand Canyon National Park and Kaibab National Forest was on the table I would support it completely. Secretary Salazer's proposal of "Alternative B" is the closest option to what I feel is right for our land.

Terence Haley  
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Date Received: 3/25/2011 8:04:25 AM

Subject: Leave it as it is... man can only mar it

Email Sender Name: Kevin Smith

Email Sender Address: kevmsmith@me.com

Dear Arizona BLM,

Please support the proposed 20-year ban on mining for drainages into Grand Canyon National Park. It simply does not make sense.

Teddy Roosevelt said it best:

"Leave it as it is. You cannot improve it. The ages have been at work on it, and man can only mar it."

Sincerely,

Kevin Smith  
505-235-2978