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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Uranium mining
Email Sender Name: Dominika Gaines
Email Sender Address: dbgaines@kinesphere-studio.com
Dear Mr. Scott Florence,

I support U.S. Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar's proposed ban on new uranium mining claims on public land watersheds that drain into the Grand Canyon. I strongly urge the withdrawal of the 1,000,000 acres of BLM land from uranium mining for 20 years.

Uranium mining poses a serious risk to tourism, air quality, wildlife, and drinking water. Also, the economic benefit of uranium mining is relatively small for Americans. When the mining ends, so do the jobs (which are few), and then we are often left with significant environmental problems. According to a recent legal ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals, the uranium mining process results in copious amounts of radioactive waste in the form of uranium mill tailings, a sandy waste produced during ore milling (from which only one to five pounds of usable uranium is extracted from every two thousand pounds of mined ore).

The mining of uranium could impact the Grand Canyon in a similar way that the mining of oil has impacted the Gulf of Mexico. Uranium processing in the area of Tuba City, Arizona has created over 1.6 million cubic yards of residual radioactive materials, and caused the contamination of approximately 783 million gallons of groundwater. The contaminants of concern are uranium (a radioactive element), molybdenum, nitrate, selenium, and sulfite. Cleanup costs have already been astronomical for many uranium sites in the United States, and according to the government the estimated "total life cycle" costs are \$99,232,000 for environmental restoration of the Tuba City Mill Site between 1996 and 2015 (represented as the sum of annual costs in fiscal year 1999).

Sincerely,

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Dominika Borovansky Gaines

GYROTONIC® Master Trainer

Director, Phoenix GYROTONIC

Owner, Kinesphere, LLC

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: George Powell

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Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

The tailings from uranium mining alone are a hazard to humans and wildlife alike and present a danger for generations into the future. I am appalled that you would consider any type of mining in one of the greatest national treasures that we as a country have. Please protect the grand canyon from this type of degradation.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

George Powell
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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining
Email Sender Name: Den Mark Wichar
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Secretary Salazar:

I support protecting Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is international treasure. Diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

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Neither federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy when government should be focused on cleaning that legacy.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under Mining Law for 20 years.

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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: David R. Myers

Email Sender Address: dagmyers@telecayman.ky

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I strongly support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States. It must be preserved in its pristine beauty.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

No one, not the federal government, mining companies nor any other entity can guarantee that mining will not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up and permanent in nature.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a terrible legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning up that legacy.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

David R. Myers
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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 12, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

As an Arizonan who loves Arizona and the natural splendor of the Grand Canyon, I ask you to stop this threat to our natural resource and our drinking water. Please. We need to stop harming our chance for a clean safe tomorrow somewhere, and this is a good start.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Uranium mining

Email Sender Name: Aaron Andrade

Email Sender Address: aaronandrade@comcast.net

To whom it may concern,

This email is to support Alternative B (full withdrawal of 1,010,776 acres of public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

In order to protect our water, air, wildlife, safety, and tourist economy.

Thanks for your time.

Aaron

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: Fredric Sanson

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Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

p.s. Do we have to rediscover the wheel? I recall that Senator Hatch, R. UT, sponsored legislation that paid for radiological damages to Uranium miners in the same spaces. Of course, it took the Department of Justice to enforce the payments to those afflicted with various and multiple cancers; I am aware of this legislation, because this is what it took the DOD to get off their penny-ante duffs and pay American Military Veterans for such illnesses going back to 1945. Please do not consider cost-accounting in your decision making, since we only have to look at how long it took to get BIA/DOI off their asses and pay Native Americans their rightful payments after about 150 years. Thank you for your alertness to this situation, Mr Secretary. /s/ a fellow Coloradan, with 3 children raised in Boulder, CO 80303.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wild-lands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

Thank you.

Fredric Sanson
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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: Andrea Baty

Email Sender Address: abaty@asu.edu

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I personally hiked down the Grand Canyon in 2003, and it was possibly the most amazing experience of my life. Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure that must be protected for future generations. And for the wealth of income it brings through tourism to the surrounding cities and the entire state.

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

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Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

PLEASE protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

Andrea Baty
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Letter ID: 25602 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: mineral development

Email Sender Name: Amy Goerwitz

Email Sender Address: amy@goerwitz.com

To whom it may concern,

It's this simple, mining of uranium in the Grand Canyon watershed area is in opposition both to the

1) The National Park System Caring for the American Legacy

"...to promote and regulate the use of the...national parks...which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

(from the National Park Service Organic Act, 16 U.S.C.1.,
<http://www.nps.gov/legacy/organic-act.htm>)

AND

2) The Mission of the National Park Service which is to--

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

Please keep this wondrous part of our country pristine for current and future generations.

Amy Goerwitz
Northfield, MN

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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 7, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

The Grand Canyon is one of the Wonders of the World. It is inconceivable that we would allow this!!!

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Comment on EIS addressing mining near the Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Ryan Hunter

Email Sender Address: rhunter@montanasky.net

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to urge the BLM to select EIS Alternative B, which will withdraw about 1 million acres from hardrock mineral exploration and mining from the Grand Canyon area for 20 years subject to valid existing rights.

This New York Times editorial adequately captures our opinion:

The Grand Canyon Uranium Rush

Published: March 7, 2011

In July 2009, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar imposed a two-year halt to uranium exploration and mining on one million acres around the Grand Canyon. The moratorium was a much-needed timeout to a rush of prospecting claims near the canyon, most of them by Canadian and British companies. The rush was fueled by two things: an increase in uranium prices and the wide-open exploitation allowed on public lands by the harmful, antiquated 1872 mining law.

The Interior Department has now prepared four possible alternatives for how to proceed. The public has another 30 days to comment. The only sensible alternative is the most sweeping one: withdrawing one million acres around the Grand Canyon from mining and prospecting for the next 20 years.

Restricting mining in this area would have little effect on America's uranium supply, a vast majority of which comes from Wyoming and New Mexico.

Setting that land off-limits would protect the delicate ecosystem in and around the Grand Canyon. It would also eliminate the risk of radioactive materials, disturbed by mining, leaching into the aquifer and the Colorado River. That would affect the Havasupai Indians, who live in the canyon itself, and 27 million people who draw water from the river in Nevada and California.

The prospecting free-for-all that followed the rise in uranium prices is yet another reminder of why the country needs to reform the mining law of 1872. That law allows free access to stake mining claims on public land and gives mineral extraction priority over other uses. This perhaps made sense in 1872, but in 2011 it is simply irresponsible, especially because, under the law, mining companies are obliged to pay no royalties to federal, state or local governments.

Congress has talked for years about reforming this law only to have the effort blocked by Western senators. The majority leader, Harry Reid of Nevada, has long been the leading opponent. Real reform would include strict environmental regulation and real royalties — at least the 5 percent royalty called for in the president's new budget. That would be best for the environment and for America's taxpayers.

Thank you.

Ryan and Eve Hunter

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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: Deborah Roth

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Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Please protect the Grand Canyon National Park Grand Canyon.

Thanks for considering my view.

Deborah Roth
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Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 11, 2011

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Washington, DC 20240

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Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Mar 11, 2011

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The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

I have no problem protecting such American icons as our National Parks, Forests, Wildlife, and Wilderness Areas, etc. today. If they are mined today, that mineral resource is lost -- gone! It will never to be available in the future. And so is the icon! Such minerals are not going to go anywhere. There may just be a day when they are truly our last resort and mining techniques are such that the associated National Icon will not be compromised. I urge you to make the decision that will not destroy or compromise the value of our Nation's natural resources.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 11, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

Dear Secretary Salazar, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing one million acres of public lands from Grand Canyon National Park from mining. Many scientists have expressed concern about the effect on our drinking water, on our land and its population, even on visitors. Public lands should NOT be "sold to the highest bidder" to the detriment of the public!

The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

Your job is to protect these vital public resources. I encourage you to protect the Grand Canyon area from this devastation. We must rely on you as our state (AZ) representatives seem too beholden to dollars to understand the enormous negative impact. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Eleonore Krebs
66 E. Maria Lane
Tempe, AZ 85284

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Eleonore Krebs

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Subject: public comments on the Draft EIS

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The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that addresses potential effects of withdrawing Federal lands from locatable mineral exploration and mining near the Grand Canyon in Arizona is now available for public comment.

The agency is now accepting public comments on the Draft EIS, which considers four different alternatives that range from withdrawing 1,010,776 acres to zero acres. The full withdrawal, proposed in Alternative B, would prevent further contamination of three major watersheds that drain directly into the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River, which provides drinking water to 25 million people in the Southwest. It would also help protect sensitive habitat for wildlife, like the endangered California condor, and safeguard the wildness and scenic values that are enjoyed by a wide-ranging population from around the world.

We support Alternative B of the Draft EIS and ask for this decision to be made on time.

DIANE M. KASTEL AND FAMILY

WHEATON, IL

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Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

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Washington, DC 20240

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Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

So Please Save The Grand Canyon, So We Can Save The Drinking Water And The Wildlife, And Humanity As Well!

Thank You VERY MUCH, In Advance, For Helping With These VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES. And MAY G-D BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Ms. L. Carmel
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Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 11, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

Mr. Salazar, I don't need to remind you that the Grand Canyon does not exist merely for the people of Arizona or even the United States, but it is one of the greatest natural wonders in the world. When you visit the Canyon, you see more people from other countries than from the U.S. It is one of the most visited places on the planet. If any National Park is unique and deserves special protection, surely it is this place.

I myself with a group of friends have hiked from the North Rim down to the Canyon bottom, spent the night, and hiked up the South Rim--one of the most memorable things I have ever done in my life. Walking through all those zones of climate and seeing the evidence of eons of time in the layers of rock in 2 days, I am still awed at all the Canyon has to offer. And this in addition to its legendary beauty.

We are not talking here of mining for coal, gas or oil, but uranium which requires extraordinary caution in its mining and handling. Surely there are many other places in the U.S. that would not put our wildlife or our water supply in as much harm as would uranium mining near the Grand Canyon.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: Barbara Ward

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Support for Alternative B

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves. Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up. Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

Barbara Ward
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There are a number of excellent reasons why Uranium mining should not be expanded in the the Grand Canyon and Colorado River area.

1. We don't have a critical need for more Uranium mining/Uranium. Why expand operations and jeopardize watershed and natural beauty of the area.
2. Even the best mining companies have accidents which discharge poisonous effluent. With numerous safety and environmental violations, the company, proposing expanded Uranium mining, can give us no ironclad assurances that we will not experience an accident such as we have seen in the oil and coal industries.

We simply do not have the national need sufficient to require expansion of Uranium mining on Public Lands.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Tempe, AZ 85283-1941
(480) 471-8703

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Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 11, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

Mr. Salazar,

Is there nothing worth saving?
The land adjacent to the Colorado and the Grand Canyon is necessary for us to have water that is drinkable. I mean those of us who directly depend on it.

We have hastily built nuclear reactors now leaking into the ground water in many places in the United States. Now more mining of the awful stuff that they are leaking to let it leak and run off into our water as well!

No!

This is to say nothing of terrain I grew up with and cherish.

How about some responsible behavior here to save the land that our ancestors, yours and mine, settled centuries ago?

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Stan Portalski
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(602) 253-8480

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Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

We will stop using hair dryers and other luxury electric items to conserve the energy generated by boiling water at nuclear plants, if it will stop the deadly mining and use of nuclear energy.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Please protect the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

We can not risk possible contamination of this valuable water supply. The bio-diversity in the Grand Canyon should be preserved for future generations. Please think of our grandchildren's grandchildren when you make a decision with irreversible consequences.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Susan Mahalov
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Mesa, AZ 85207-1430

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Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

We must end all ECOCIDE!!!

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Hester Goedhart
8 Homestead Court
Dayboro, CA 94065

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Letter ID: 26001 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Support Alternative B

Email Sender Name: Christine Lynn

Email Sender Address: clj5@nau.edu

I support Alternative B in the Environmental Impact Statement, the full withdrawal of mining on the public lands in the Grand Canyon watershed.

Christine Lynn, Ph.D., Professor

School of Hotel & Restaurant Management

Northern Arizona University

928-523-2133

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Letter ID: 26008 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: re withdrawal

Email Sender Name: galed@xpressweb.com

Email Sender Address: galed@xpressweb.com

To Whom It May Concern:

I am against the proposed withdrawal and mining ban. I did not have much knowledge of uranium mining and processing practices; I heard lots of scary stories. So I read and researched current uranium mining and processing practices, the preparation of nuclear power and medical devices, and proposed use and storage of spent fuel. I am now convinced we have the technology and expertise to safely process, use, and store uranium. I also believe that the use of nuclear energy should be our national goal, lessening and eventually eliminating our dependence on oil and coal.

I do not care for the exaggerated rhetoric and scare tactics of those advocating the moratorium, with their assumptions that mining and scientific knowledge have not changed since the discovery that radon gas mixed with smoke played a large part in miners' illnesses, and that technology and safety practices have not changed since the 1950's. Since my research I have become a proponent of nuclear power; I also spent the last 64 years living near the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant in southern California, with no ill effects and no worries about my safety. I am much more worried about living near coal mining and processing!

I have recently spent a lot of time on the Arizona Strip, from whence uranium in this area would be most easily obtained. I have seen a working mine, and was shown closed mines - I would not have been able to identify them. I did not see dust or pollutants, nor any loss of habitat or wildlife in those areas. Around the mine, loss of habitat appeared to be similar to that lost from typical home construction. I do not believe we would be subject to over 300000 ore trucks spewing dust and pollutants: current law requires covered trucks, and trucks hauling hazardous materials must meet very stringent safety standards. I also have not seen very many visitors in the areas likely to be mined; they are difficult to access. I also wonder how it can be said there would be no obvious changes in economic conditions in local and regional economies: I can't imagine workers would commute hundreds of miles daily.

I believe that conscientious protest should be based on knowledge rather than exaggerated rhetoric.

Gale Reeves

Kanab, UT

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Mar 10, 2011

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The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

Money can be made in a variety of ways; economies rise and fall. National monuments will never come back.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Mar 10, 2011

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Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

Please withhold the one million acres of land from mining. The downside of this mining so far outweighs upside that there should be no question of ever mining these lands!

The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

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Sincerely,

karen mclelland
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Sedona, AZ 86339-2786

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Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

Please don't allow greed to destroy our beautiful park. It belongs to the people of this country not the oil companies.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

Or we could continue to mine, destroy, drill, destroy, chop up, destroy,,,but of course we will be warm in winter, have plenty of toys to play, drive big gas guzzling cars and f--k everybody else.

Steven Kane

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Steven Kane
2375 Shinnery Ln
Prescott, AZ 86301-5351

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The one thing that Arizona is known for is the Grand Canyon and the fact that you want to ruin part of it is just sad.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Flagstaff, AZ 86001-2942
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Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

The longer we continue to be near-sighted about our natural resources, the more problems we hand over to our children. Let's think of other ways to address the needs that we are working for, without infringing on what little left is pure.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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(520) 572-9875

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Please protect this national treasure!

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Karen Christian
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Vail, AZ 85641-8972
(520) 219-7287

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Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

Industrial activity is also a threat to the many archaeological sites in this region.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Robert Mark
3644 N Stone Crest St
Flagstaff, AZ 86004-6811
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Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 10, 2011

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Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

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The cost-benefit is wrong, all wrong. What does our country, its citizens today and tomorrow get in return for despoiling increasingly rare water supplies and natural capitol?

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Sincerely,

Paige Murphy-Young
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Tempe, AZ 85284-3950

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Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 10, 2011

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Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

Arizona must take a very critical look at protecting the core elements of our economic base. The most valuable componet in our economy is tourism and the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are critical in maintaining tourism cash flow. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

In addition, water from that region is vital for this state. Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

We must think beyond the selfish interests of only a few companies that would benefit from mining in the Grand Canyon. Opening these lands to mining does not serve the long term best interest of this state and all of its citizens.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Sue Adams
6764 N 78th St
Scottsdale, AZ 85250-7903

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Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park. We have seen what industry can do to destroy and ecosystem. (BP and the Gulf). Do you really want to risk it? If something does happen, they will come looking for YOU and ask why you permitted it. DON" T DO IT.

-Robert Schmierer

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Robert Schmierer
44 Stutz Bearcat Dr
Sedona, AZ 86336-5242

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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona

Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 10, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

I love this state and all the beautiful natural attractions.
PLEASE do not allow these companies to mine near the Grand canyon.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Rose Circello
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(602) 993-0213

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Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to as well as IN Grand Canyon National Park.

I have talked to geologists familiar with mining in the Grand Canyon and they tell me that only about 1% of all mining claims will prove "profitable". So, what's the rush? Don't believe all the hype about how opening this beautiful and pristine canyon to those who want to rape mother earth, simply for the profits they hope to make for themselves, without a care for anybody else or the environment we all live in!

Fools are rushing in where even wise geologists fear to mine!

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Prescott Valley, AZ 86314-1435
(928) 776-1686

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Subject: Grand Canyon mining

Email Sender Name: N. Boyer

Email Sender Address: aboye1@yahoo.com

Although I attended the Flagstaff meeting on the 8th and wished there was much, much more information offered by the speaker, I am supporting what I assume is the best choice for protecting the Grand Canyon from uranium mining. That would be the second choice, the choice that offered a ban on the largest amount of land for mining.

Mrs. Ralph (Nancy) Boyer

86004

aboye1@yahoo.com

Letter ID: 26223 Classified as: Form Plus Associated with Form #1

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Colorado River

Email Sender Name: Betty Richardson

Email Sender Address: barich942@msn.com

March 5, 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. Please place my comments in the official public record of the Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

Betty Richardson

2754 Magnolia Rd

DeLand, Fl. 32720

P.S. I have been to the Grand Canyon several times. Magnificent !!! Some day I would like to raft the Colorado River. Please SAVE IT
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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining
Email Sender Name: D CALDERON
Email Sender Address: cldrn_d@yahoo.com

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I want to support the protection of the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

The Grand Canyon National Park is world's treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

Uranium mining threatens to damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

The Grand Canyon supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: Thomas Dukes

Email Sender Address: tdukes@grandecom.net

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona, which would protect the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure, yet uranium mining threatens to industrialize the area surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Mining would likely contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And such pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining
Email Sender Name: Susan Wall
Email Sender Address: smwall@wildmail.com

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves. What a horrible, horrible experience for all the visitors visiting such a unique and special place-one that deserves every possible protection.

Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

Susan Wall
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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject:

Email Sender Name: Les J

Email Sender Address: lsstoneworks@hotmail.com

I am so tired of our politicians and environmentalists pushing us around. When will we wake up? Do we have to become slaves to other contries for our energy needs? Why are we buying oil from our enemies when we live on the most abundant resources in the world.

We should support uranium mining and oil exploration. First of all, these industries are regulated to the max. They provide good paying jobs which we all know we need in this economy. America is the greatest country in the world, lets keep it that way. Let's use our resources wisely. Nuclear power is as green as you can get. Folks think they are doing their part by buying electic cars, but they don't stop to think about where that electricity comes from. Nuclear power is the most efficient energy available at this time.

Let every AMERICAN help strenghten America and support our industries and economy.====Lester Johnson=====

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Uranium Mining Comment
Email Sender Name: John & Tracy Hiscock
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Bureau of Land Management

Arizona Strip District

345 East Riverside Drive

St. George, UT 84790

March 9, 2011

To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed future hardrock mineral development in Northern Arizona near the Grand Canyon. I have been a combined resident of Fredonia, AZ; and Kanab, UT, continuously for the past 17 years. My husband and I chose to raise our children in this area because of the powerful beauty, clean air and water, wilderness solitude, long scenic vistas, and outstanding hiking /other quiet recreational opportunities available here. We have been recreating in and around Grand Canyon National Park and the Arizona Strip for nearly 30 years. I am quite alarmed at the prospect of uranium mining occurring in this watershed.

The proposed mining area is a vast, pristine area with clean air, clear streams and healthy ecosystems, adjacent to one of the world's most important places, the Grand canyon. Uranium mining will cause many unacceptable environmental impacts including soil erosion, dust, noise, uranium particulate pollution, disruption of local biodiversity and destruction of wildlife habitat. Indeed, these things are noted in the DEIS. As a local citizen, I am opposed to the use and degradation of our limited supply of groundwater in this very arid region for mining. The Grand Canyon ecosystem contains hundreds of seeps and springs which would likely be adversely affected by mining water use. Additionally, the increase in dust particles in the air caused by mining will decrease visibility in and around the National Park.

Also, as a local citizen, I am concerned about the greatly increased ore truck traffic (around 300,00 ore truck trips) to that would result from uranium mining in this area. The DEIS incorrectly asserts that communities such as Fredonia (and adjacent Kanab) exist in relative isolation and do not depend on tourism as much as, say, Flagstaff. Our local economy relies almost exclusively on tourism. Therefore, the negative impacts of uranium mining on the landscape and the road system would likely decrease the quality of visitor experiences in the area. Any resulting economic benefit is minimal, as few jobs and tax revenue are expected to be created from these mines.

I support Alternative B- the full withdrawal of 1,010,776 acres of public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years. This is the only one of the four alternatives which fully and consistently takes in account the negative environmental impacts noted in the DEIS, which is why Secretary Salazar adopted it.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

Tracy Hiscock

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: Ken weeks

Email Sender Address: kjweeks@embarqmail.com

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

I was a boatman in the Canyon during 1991 and learned first hand what a special and magnificent place this is. Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Hardrock mineral development in Northern AZ - Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Elsa Johnson

Email Sender Address: asdza.ej@gmail.com

I am for NO ACTION alternative.

Thousands of Navajos a few miles throughout Northern Arizona, Southern Utah and Western New Mexico are still suffering from the after affects of uranium mining and milling from 1940s to 1970s.

Protect our land, air and people and go green for power: solar and wind.

Elsa Johnson

Navajo tribal member

IINA Solutions

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: support of Alternative B

Email Sender Name: cyrusmejia@gmail.com

Email Sender Address: cyrusmejia@gmail.com

Since I am unable to attend tonight's meeting in Fredonia, I am writing in support Alternative B, the full withdrawal of 1,010,776 acres of public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years. I am a local citizen who is concerned about air quality, water contamination, for the health and safety of local communities and for the protection of our tourist based economy.

Thanks very much,

Cyrus Mejía

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Kanab, UT 84741

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Public comment: I Support Option B

Email Sender Name: Paul S

Email Sender Address: pjschramm@gmail.com

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.

Therefore, I support Option B of the Environmental Impact Statement

thank you,

Paul Schramm

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Grand Canyon vicinity Public Lands/Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: keith norlin

Email Sender Address: keithnorlin@gmail.com

As a citizen user of these public lands we highly object to mining. We are particularly concerned about environmental impact including access roads and radioactive dust being released during the mining operations. We are very concerned over tailings and the leaching of small amounts of uranium into surface soil, groundwater and surface run-off. There is a more than ample world supply of uranium in Canada, Australia and other US allies such that producing uranium near the Grand Canyon is both risky and unnecessary.

We favor Alternative B!

Keith & Dee Norlin, Cedar City, UT

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Uranium mining near the Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Nancy Santori

Email Sender Address: nancyesan@yahoo.com

I'm a Phoenix resident who drinks water from the Colorado River and enjoys camping near the Grand Canyon. I greatly appreciate the temporary ban on uranium mining near the Grand Canyon and hope it will become permanent. This watershed is our national treasure and far too critical to the lives of millions of people to risk contamination with uranium dust and run-off from mining operations. Ban uranium mining there permanently.

Nancy Santori

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Uranium mining near Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Rich Csenge
Email Sender Address: jiw@gwi.net
3/8/11
Rich and Debra Csenge
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Kanab, Utah 84741
435-644-3735

Bureau of Land Management
Uranium Mining Withdrawal EIS

To whom it may concern:

My wife Debra and I live in Kanab, Utah, and strongly oppose any expansion of mining for Uranium or other locatable minerals near Grand Canyon National Park, or anywhere on the Arizona Strip. Being the lands and watersheds surrounding the Grand Canyon, these particular lands and their habitat and wildlife communities are too important to be sacrificed for industrial development. We are adamant about that.

We are quite familiar with the hazards of exposure to radioactivity. Mr. Robert Sullivan, my wife Debra's father, died in his early retirement of leukemia, after having been Manager of the Hanford Nuclear Weapons Facility in Richland, Washington, and then serving as a career nuclear health and safety inspector for the Atomic Energy Commission. Debra's mother, Florence Sullivan died of lung cancer at age 50. Debra's sister Roberta suffered from a congenital thyroid condition resulting in morbid obesity, and died at age 53. That legacy is shared widely by those who have been exposed to radioactivity during their lives.

Dust containing uranium would become airborne from mining operations and road construction on the Arizona Strip. This dust would be carried on prevailing Southwest winds across the communities of Kanab and Fredonia, depositing radioactive elements throughout the City and surrounding area, which, according to the 2010 census, is inhabited by 4,300 people. This region has already paid a very heavy toll to life and human health from the atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons in Nevada from 1957 through 1987. There must be no more radioactive elements set loose in this region.

Water contamination from disturbed Uranium deposits will adversely affect water quality in the Colorado River, and depletion of groundwater aquifers for use in mining operations will further desiccate the already arid conditions of the region, including seeps and springs critical to wildlife. Too much damage has already been done to the Grand Canyon watershed in Kanab Creek, and soon, perennial flows will be eliminated by the impoundment project currently under construction in Kanab, called the Jackson Flat Reservoir.

If uranium mining is permitted to expand in this region, trucks bearing uranium ore will rumble through Kanab, exposing our population, as well as the hundreds of thousands of visitors annually who underpin the perpetual, clean, tourism economy of Kane and Coconino Counties north of Grand Canyon, to radiation hazards of unknowable proportion.

Proximity to so many iconic national treasures including Grand Canyon, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Kaibab National Forest, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and Vermilion Cliffs National Monument should be reason enough to prohibit uranium mining in the area because it is these Parks, Forests, and Monuments, with their scenic grandeur, Class 1 air quality, dark night skies, abundant wildlife, and outstanding recreational resources, that are the engine for perpetual economic sustainability for northern Arizona and southern Utah.

The meager economic benefits from uranium mining near Grand Canyon will never replace the losses that will result from visitors avoiding the offending elements of an industrialized landscape, should mining ever be permitted.

We urge BLM to adopt Alternative #2, the full withdrawal of uranium mining from 1,010,766 acres for a full twenty years (and forever after) from public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park.

Sincerely,

Friday, March 25, 2011

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Rich and Debra Csenge

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 8, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

If we are unable to protect the Grand Canyon National Park, there is no where in the United States that is really safe. Having spent time climbing in and out of the canyon, I can tell you that there is nowhere else like it.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Comments on proposal re: uranium mining near Grand Canyon National Park
Email Sender Name: Kenneth Alan Collins
Email Sender Address: k6a0c8@cybermesa.com
To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting my comments on the proposal regarding mining claims near Grand Canyon National Park.

My interest in and love of the Grand Canyon goes back to 1966 when I was actively involved in the effort to prevent the Bureau of Reclamation from building dams that would have destroyed the heart of the Grand Canyon. My interest in and love of the Canyon continue to this day, and thus my concern regarding mining claims in regard to uranium. I have continued to visit the Canyon, to work on volunteer service projects there, and I follow with interest developments regarding the preservation of and threats to the Canyon.

I support Alternative B amongst the various proposals laid out. Despite all assurances to the contrary, the record of the uranium mining industry has not been good. I think of the terrible legacy near Moab, Utah as a result of past uranium mining, and I don't believe we need to expose the Grand Canyon region to similar contamination possibilities. I have seen the mining figures for uranium and believe our needs can be met for the foreseeable future from our underground supplies of uranium located in Wyoming and New Mexico. There is simply no urgency to develop the mining claims near the Grand Canyon.

Sincerely,
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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Public Comment Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: David Thompson

Email Sender Address: rosedalerocket@mac.com

To: Chris Horyza, Project Manager

From: David Thompson

Re: Grand Canyon area proposed withdrawal

I am writing in support of Alternative B, the Secretary of the Interior's proposal to protect a million acres from new mining exploration and development around the Grand Canyon for 20 years.

During that period of time I am hopeful that we will change our outdated laws regulating (not regulating) mining of public lands to take into account the very things that the writers of this environmental impact statement studied, concerns that I share including protection of air, water, soil, vegetation, fish/wildlife including "special status" species, habitat connectedness, visual and soundscapes, preservation of historic/prehistoric sites, American Indian rights, economic and recreational value of a protected land. Concerns that were inadequately or only partially addressed include the profound spiritual meaning that the Grand Canyon teaches anyone who is fortunate enough to spend time there. To physically degrade this incredible treasure for short term commercial gain is abhorrent.

Sincerely,

David Thompson
6233 SW 39th Ave.
Portland, OR 97201

<http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/mining/timeout/deis.html>

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Public comment on proposed BLM withdrawal of public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon NP from

Email Sender Name: Brian Johnson

Email Sender Address: brian.taraba@gmail.com

Dear BLM Coordinator,

I am writing to give my support for Alternative B - the full withdrawal of 1,010,776 acres of public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National park from mining for 20 years.

The landscape that surrounds Grand Canyon is magnificent, it is part of what draws visitors to our region. Mining will decrease from the appeal to visitors, and threaten to adversely impact the \$687 million per year associated with Grand Canyon visitation. Proposed mining activities are predicted to have no or very little benefit to local economics, the adverse affects are guaranteed.

The impact report stated that there was a 13% chance that mining activities will result in uranium getting into underground aquifers. That is essentially a guarantee that it will happen, it is just a matter of when. You don't get in a car or on a plane with a 13% chance of failure. The threats to the springs, seeps and groundwater in the Grand Canyon are real and grave; the short term economic gain for the mining industry does offset the damage and risks associated with the mining and transportation activities.

In the seventy years that we have had atomic weapons and power, we have not, despite thousands of man-years of effort, and unknown billions of dollars spent on research figured out what to do with the waste. Generating more uranium waste, for short term economic gain, for a mining mega-corporation is not an acceptable trade-off to the potentially irreparable harm associated with the corporation's activities. Especially when the half-life of some of the radioactive isotopes, that are dangerous to all forms of life, are over a billion years.

The danger is too real and too great. Please select alternative B - and fully withdraw the acres of public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park.

Thank you,

Brian Johnson

Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Support Alternative B

Email Sender Name: DP

Email Sender Address: cyberbiz90@gmail.com

To Whom it ay concern,

Please support Alternative B related to full withdrawal of 1,010,776 acres of public land surrounding the Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 yrs. This is necessary to protect our water from uranium and heavy metal contamination. This will also protect our air from uranium contaminated particulates and sustain precious wildlife habitat.

I believe that mining in this area will be harmful to our economy due to a decreased number of visitors and reduced quality of experience for all.

I feel that mining in this area does far more harm in the present and future than any benefit it would create.

Thank you,

Danette Phelan

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Proposed Ban

Email Sender Name: Jo Anne Rando-Moon

Email Sender Address: randomoon@kanab.net

I support Alternative B —the full withdrawal of 1,010,776 acres of public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

I believe this will protect our water, air and wildlife for years to come. This is a pristine area that millions of people visit every year which adds to the economy of the surrounding cities.

I also believe it is our duty to protect an area set aside so long ago as a National Park for all our citizens to enjoy. I live in Kanab, UT and moved here for the beauty and don't want to see that destroyed.

Jo Anne Rando-Moon

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Please stop by www.holisticpawz.com

Letter ID: 26655 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Alternative B

Email Sender Name: Kevin Paul

Email Sender Address: kevinpaul@optonline.net

Restricting the whole 1 million acres around the Grand Canyon would be my choice. We do not need to disturb the pristine beauty of the area, when there are already solutions to this problem available. Also the BLM policy of giving away the people assets needs to be changed.

Kevin Paul

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Randolph, NJ 07869

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Protecting the Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Donna Doolittle
Email Sender Address: donnad@desert.com
To Interior Secretary Salazar:

I definitely support the full one million acre withdrawal option in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement proposed for future mining in the Grand Canyon area.

It's hard to believe that our country would still be following public policy dictated by a law from 1872! I know many voices have cried out to have that law updated, and I would hope to see some action in that regard as well.

I would also urge you to make the withdrawal permanent.

Thank you.

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: Rebecca Backman

Email Sender Address: raback@ix.netcom.com

Dear Secretary Salazar,

Having had the privilege of rafting the Grand Canyon and enjoying its many varied side canyons, I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. In the not unlikely event that contamination or depletion did occur, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only compound the problem, instead of permitting the government to focus on cleaning up the existing legacy.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining
Email Sender Name: Laura Cotts
Email Sender Address: cotts_l@suu.edu

Dear Secretary Salazar,

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THE FEDERAL LAND AGENCIES TO ONCE AGAIN CONSIDER WILDERNESS. That was a courageous act, and even though some Utah politicians are in a flurry, you made the right decision, and one supported by a vast number of Utahns.

I have been privileged to both hike and raft in the Grand Canyon, and plan to continue, despite my 66 years. I hope that my grandchildren can have the same life-changing experiences that I have been able to have.

Uranium mining will endanger the landscape, wildlife and especially the springs and seeps. I have hiked in Colorado where the signs say "Do not drink this water" because of the mining wastes. It would be tragic for this to happen in the Grand Canyon.

The Grand Canyon is too important to be further riddled with mining operations. The economic and spiritual benefits provided by a non-industrialized Grand Canyon far out weigh any benefits from mining.

Please support Alternative B in the draft EIS for the Northern Arizona Proposed Mineral Withdrawal.

Please protect the entire 1 million acre watershed. Once polluted, it can never be made clean again.

Thank you.

Laura Cotts
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Cedar City, UT 84720
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Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 7, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country; the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Natalie Houghton
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Prescott, AZ 86303-5013

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: Dennis Yee

Email Sender Address: dennisyee.cello@gmail.com

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

The public and the Congress have spoken time and again, the Grand Canyon National Park and its watershed should not be subjected to the potential catastrophes associated with uranium mining.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

Dennis Yee

6350 N. 78th St.

Scottsdale, AZ 85250-4783

US

Letter ID: 26834 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Grand Canyon Mining

Email Sender Name: K C

Email Sender Address: catraja@msn.com

There is only one way I would agree to public lands, owned by the American taxpayer, to be used for uranium mining. It would be that the mining company's profits from mining that particular piece of ground be taxed 500% and all monies returned to the American people to retire the massive debt incurred from the so-called bail out of industries "too big to fail."

KK

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Letter ID: 26849 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Alternative B

Email Sender Name: Earle B Hoyt Jr

Email Sender Address: earlehoyt@hughes.net

Gentlefolk

I totally support alternative B, the full withdrawal of uranium mining in the greater Grand Canyon National Park region.

Sincerely yours

Earle B Hoyt Jr
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Flagstaff, AZ 86004

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Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 7, 2011

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Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

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The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

This yet this is another example of corporate greed over the the safety of drinking water that will be contaminated with toxic materials, which in the end will likely cause birth defects, cancer, and who knows what else. Reminds of Erin Brochovich.

Another example of corporate greed over the economies of the above mentioned states while desimating visitation to the iconic Grand Canyon.

This is completely outrageous.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Judy Brownstein
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Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 7, 2011

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1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons that must be protected. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Short-term economic gain for a few is not worth the risk of irreversible damage to this valuable economic and environmental resource. Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Caatherine Cunningham
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Prescott, AZ 86305-7558
(928) 541-9186

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Letter ID: 26906 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Hardrock mining near the Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Helen Matthews

Email Sender Address: matthewsh311@yahoo.com

Please adopt Alternative B of the proposed alternatives for mining near the Grand Canyon. No new mining claims should be allowed and current mining claims closely monitored and reclaimed to avoid damage to this national treasure. There is plenty of land available for mining now. There are too many damaging claims already existing all over Arizona. I live near many of those in Ajo, AZ. The long term damage is unbelievable. Why ruin the Arizona Strip, and the Grand Canyon, with more claims? Reclaim the mining claims that litter Arizona now. Why don't mining companies have to clean up their mess?

Helen Matthews
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Ajo, AZ 85321

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: Maxime Stadlen

Email Sender Address: maximezara@yahoo.com

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining . Just say no to the Uranium interests!

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Please protect the Grand Canyon country from the depleting effects of mining.

Thank you.

Maxime Stadlen
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San Francisco, CA 94110
US

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Letter ID: 26932 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Uranium Mining near the Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Chuck Combs
Email Sender Address: ccphotoman@yahoo.com
To whom it may concern;

I am very concerned about mining near the Grand Canyon. This is an area that needs to be protected and preserved. Mining has a tremendous impact on the aesthetics of an area and the damage done to the environment by pollution is irreparable. I spend a great deal of time in the Grand Canyon area and do not want to see any additional damage done to this area.

Please consider the uniqueness of this area when making the decision about this area. Protect as much as we possibly can. I am for Alternative B.

Thank you,
Chuck Combs
Kanab, Utah

Letter ID: 26941 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining
Email Sender Name: W H Wolverton
Email Sender Address: canyonratbw@scinternet.net

Dear Secretary Salazar,

Just say NO!!! to uranium mining around the Grand Canyon

Adopt Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Thank you.

W H Wolverton
Box 393
Escalante, UT 84726
US

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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 7, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

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Dear Mr. Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

Our family has spent many days both in and around the Grand Canyon, as well as the larger Colorado Plateau. We have seen the affect of uranium mining in the region and do not want to take a chance, despite industry guarantees that there will be no negatives to mining, that our watershed will be impacted.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

mark starnier
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Flagstaff, AZ 86004-1768

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Letter ID: 26983 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Please No Uranium Mining in Grand Canyon N.P.

Email Sender Name: Loma Griffith

Email Sender Address: lgriffi@mindspring.com

Our national parks were set aside as national preserves for scenic and cultural values. There is nothing about uranium mining that belongs in GCNP. There's the whole rest of the world to extract this toxic ore, and we're not in an emergency situation which might justify overriding the protections put in place by the government in the past for the future resources of the country.

Loma Griffith

Homemaker

8008 S. Mission Rd.

Tucson AZ 85746

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining
Email Sender Name: Jacqueline Rossi
Email Sender Address: jgreit@yahoo.com

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

Please help preserve this treasure for our children and grandchildren to enjoy.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

Jacqueline Rossi
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Letter ID: 27014 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Comments

Email Sender Name: sally willett

Email Sender Address: snwillett@yahoo.com

Dear Sir/Madame:I oppose all uranium mining in areas where contamination of the water supply could occur. Option A is simply unacceptable. The risks to the human population of the water basin are unacceptable. Option B excludes more land but Option C

with lesser land withdrawal appears to cover the most sensitive areas for humans and naturae ferae.Option C appears to be the lesser of all evils which is no choice at all since permanent withdrawal of sensitive lands is listed as one of the options and it is the only option that makes sense if one values human health.On a purely instinctive/subjective level, it is shocking that options for

contaminating the water supply (surface and ground) are even presented as a subject of discussion. If the water supply is contaminated the destruction is permanent and cancer rates in the basin will become what they are on the Navajo

Reservation.Judge Sally Willett

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: Kathleen Wattle

Email Sender Address: captivespirit@gmail.com

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I am writing to give my support to protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure and is the crown jewel of not only the US but of MY STATE OF ARIZONA. It must not be compromised. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

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Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

Kathleen Wattle
PO Box 26033
Scottsdale, AZ 85255
US

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Letter ID: 27032 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Land Preservation -HR 855

Email Sender Name: Michelle Evard

Email Sender Address: mmovard@gmail.com

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern over mining near and around the Grand Canyon. I realize it takes land to do this, but using land that is so beautiful and highly used is not what we should choose. I am in support of preserving the land around the canyon and perhaps exploring elsewhere.

Thank you and have a nice day,

Michelle Evard

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Phoenix, AZ 85016

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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 6, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

I am opposed to nuclear power and nuclear weapons for a number of reasons, but to promote these industries by trashing one of the world's great natural treasures is beyond belief. As my representative in Washington, whether as a public servant or as an elected official, you are now on notice that I am against any uranium exploration or mining in the Grand Canyon NP or in any of the Kaibab and Coconino NF that surround the canyon. I live in Arizona and I have hiked thousands of miles in the canyon - it is not an expendable resource and needs to be protected once and for all from commercial, military or other industries that seek to permission to deface our national treasure.

The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Poulos
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Tucson, AZ 85719-1351

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Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

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Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

I was lucky enough to hike and backpack the grand Canyon and I'd like my children and grandchildren to have this same experience. Please keep it unspoiled.

Mary Ann Palmer

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Palmer
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phoenix, AZ 85020

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Letter ID: 27181 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Kathryn Wilde

Email Sender Address: kathrynwilde@earthlink.net

The Grand Canyon is a National Park and one of the 7 Wonders of the World for incredible and undeniable reasons. Please respect it's integrity and don't mine on it's Rims. I can't even image that this is a recurring conversation!

Kathryn Wilde

former NPS Employee at GCNP

520-409-1177

Letter ID: 27182 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Project

Email Sender Name: Joan Cook

Email Sender Address: djcookaz@cox.net

We want to state very strongly that we are in total agreement with the proposal. Given the necessity of conserving water, and that it be clean and safe, and the necessity of such a plan at this time, it is urgent that it be approved.

Douglas and Joan Cook

5725 North 20th Place

Phoenix AZ 85016

602-955-7396

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining
Email Sender Name: Joy Cassidy
Email Sender Address: 1haydenjoy@roadrunner.com

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

IT WOULD BE INSANE TO ALLOW ANY KIND OF MINING IN OR NEAR THE GRAND CANYON!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

Joy Cassidy
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Hayden, ID 83835
US

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Letter ID: 27243 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Protecting our parks

Email Sender Name: SGENRE@aol.com

Email Sender Address: SGENRE@aol.com

I support the permanent withdrawal of one million acres of land to protect the Grand Canyon from uranium mining.

Rae G. Scott

4408 Island Place, Apt. 201

Annandale, VA 22003

Letter ID: 27286 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from uranium mining

Email Sender Name: Caroline Dunham

Email Sender Address: lyndunham@hotmail.com

I support the permanent withdrawal of one million acres of land to protect the Grand Canyon from uranium mining.

Caroline E Dunham

Sun City AZ

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Letter ID: 27345 Classified as: Form Plus Associated with Form #3

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Help Protect the Grand Canyon From Uranium Mining

Email Sender Name: Wulfsohn, Aubrey

Email Sender Address: A.Wulfsohn@warwick.ac.uk

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

Dr. Aubrey Wulfsohn

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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 6, 2011

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1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

Millions depend on the Colorado River, a shared resource for 7 states for drinking water and it is our only resource for that of this size. It is already endangered as a result of pollution in the Topock case. How can we even consider further contamination for only major water source which is already over allotted. I don't want to be forced to drink radioactive water. Even if you don't live here, do you really want to do this to one of our most precious natural treasures!

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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(480) 838-2874

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Letter ID: 27514 Classified as: Unique Letter

Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Mining the Grand Canyon area
Email Sender Name: Jane Kolber
Email Sender Address: jkolber@theriver.com
To Bureau of Land Management:

Even the thought of uranium mining in the area of our Precious and Sacred Grand Canyon is abhorrent. This is a treasure that is known and admired throughout the world, one that symbolizes and glorifies our country. By bringing a proven damaging and poisonous industry into the area, we are showing the world how little value we place on our land and country. In practical terms, we will frighten off the millions of tourists who visit this Wonder of the World and spread illness to the people of the immediate area. The people of mid-western New Mexico are still suffering from the effects that uranium mining brought them - those who are alive, that is.

Is no thought given to the future? The precedent set by this rape and destruction of this precious landscape will spread to more and more of the glory of our country until nothing is left but steel and concrete and all will need to walk outside with gas masks and the meaning of beauty will be lost forever.

I am 72 years old and have no children. Please think of the future of yours.

Sincerely,
Jane Kolber

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: The Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Ramona Johnson
Email Sender Address: rammjohn@gmail.com

I support Raul Grijalva's legislation to protect the Grand Canyon from uranium mining. The Grand Canyon is one of our finest National Heritage Parks in the country and should be respected, protected and conserved for the enjoyment of future generations. Nature is the balm of the soul amidst the chaos of "civilization". Mining scars the land and disrupts the ecology so essential to the preservation of the lifescape of our natural environment.

The Grand Canyon is more precious and enjoyed by all than uranium which benefits the mining companies and industrial corporations. Let us protect and preserve the Grand Canyon for the plants, animals and rocks that live there and the people who visit, not prostitute it for corporations!

Sincerely,
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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM

Subject: Land Preservation Around Grand Canyon

Email Sender Name: Donna

Email Sender Address: donnayoder@cox.net

Ladies and Gentlemen

I urge you to set aside 1 million acres around Grand Canyon from hard rock mineral exploration and mining. It is imperative we protect the Grand Canyon, one of the wonders of the world, from the degradation mining would cause.

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining
Email Sender Name: Michael Fine
Email Sender Address: Fine16@msn.com

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it. I would like to return to the Grand Canyon some day with hopes that it will be as it was when I was there about 58 years ago!

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 5, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

I've had the great fortune to do several backpacks in the Grand Canyon during my college years. The memory of the quiet and grandeur of the area is one I will always cherish. Because of health reasons, I have not been able to hike the Grand Canyon in many years, but the thought of this area being untouched by the spoils of mankind continues to comfort me. Please do your part to continue to protect this national treasure for future generations.

The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 5, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
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Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

In one week, my two adult sons and myself will be hiking for 4 days in the Grand Canyon. We have done this before. It has been during hikes in the Canyon that I have experienced some of the finest moments of my life. The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American treasures worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. It is not only a few of us that go there. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 5, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
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Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

I first went to the Grand Canyon 50 years ago. What a glorious introduction to our wonderful national parks! Future generations must also be able to enjoy these awe-inspiring places...

The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon
Email Sender Name: Environment Arizona
Email Sender Address: action@environmentarizona.org

Mar 5, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
1849 C Street NW
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Dear Secretary Salazar,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon watershed by supporting Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and withdrawing one million acres of public lands near Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years.

The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are American icons worth protecting. Together, they constitute one of the most bio-diverse regions in the country and the surrounding watershed provides drinking water to millions of Americans. Tourism at the Grand Canyon produces hundreds of millions in revenue each year and is key to economies in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Each time we allow uranium mines to operate on public lands within this watershed, we put our drinking water at risk of irreversible damage, threaten species bio-diversity and discourage potential visitors who do not wish to see an industrial wasteland so close to Grand Canyon National Park.

Maintain one of the great national treasures that the state of Arizona can claim. Don't lose a part of our Arizona culture to greed and irrational decisions.

The Grand Canyon deserves our protection. Please support Alternative B to protect our drinking water, wildlife habitat and tourism economy from the threat of uranium mining.

Sincerely,

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Subject: The Grand Canyon and Uranium

Email Sender Name: Elinor Hallowell

Email Sender Address: ehallowell75@gmail.com

I am 75 years old. 5 years ago I rafted down the Canyon. It was the most memorable experience of my life time. the Grand Canyon is one of the Wonders of The World. It is already showing signs of being over visited and over rafted. Don't let mining for uranium nearby do any further damage to this wonderful monument to God's Creation and Mother Nature. Sincerely, Elinor Hallowell, Tucson, AZ.

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining
Email Sender Name: Nancy Luis
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Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. The diversity of habitats resulting from its great depth, its diverse topography, and its isolated seeps, springs and caves make it one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the United States.

Uranium mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines, damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete aquifers feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's seeps, springs and caves. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that legacy in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination or industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years. Please protect this National Park for posterity in the same way it was saved for us to enjoy!!

Thank you.

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Date Received: 3/25/2011 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining
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Dear Secretary Salazar,

I support protecting the Grand Canyon's entire 1-million-acre watershed from uranium mining as outlined in Alternative B in the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement and Revisions to the Withdrawal Application, Arizona.

Grand Canyon National Park is an international treasure. This is one of the most biologically diverse parks in the nation because of its extreme depth, diverse topography, isolated seeps, springs and caves.

Uranium mining doesn't belong here. Mining threatens to industrialize iconic wildlands surrounding the Grand Canyon with dozens of new mines which would damage wildlife habitat, and pollute and deplete water ways feeding the Grand Canyon's biologically critical seeps, springs and caves.

Neither the federal government nor mining companies can guarantee that mining would not contaminate or deplete aquifers feeding Grand Canyon's waterways. And if it did happen, that pollution would be impossible to clean up.

Public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon -- and Grand Canyon National Park itself -- already suffer from a legacy of uranium mining pollution. More uranium mining would only add to that problem in a time when the government should be focused on cleaning that legacy up.

Grand Canyon National Park supplies hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Contamination and industrialization from uranium mining threatens that tourism industry and the livelihoods of local residents who depend on it. This beautiful place deserves permanent protection from any and all mining activities.

Please protect the Grand Canyon waterways by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you.

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