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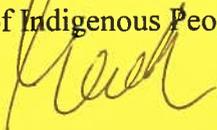
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Re: Comments Supporting Uranium Mining in Northern Arizona

Dear Mr. Florence :

With this letter, I am registering my opposition to your agency's proposed withdrawal of 1.1 million acres of public land in northern Arizona. I am a mining claim owner and have been adversely affected by a withdrawal based solely on political and not scientific reasons.

An independent economic analysis was completed to measure the impact of withdrawing over 1,000,000 acres of public lands in northern Arizona from uranium mining and exploration. IF the proposed withdrawal is defeated and the industry were allowed to operate as it did in the '80's and '90s, the following is a conservative estimate of the benefits to be realized in northern Arizona and southern Utah over a 42-year period:

- 1,078 new jobs in the project area
- \$2 billion in federal and state corporate income taxes
- \$9.5 million in claims payments and fees to local governments
- Increased property taxes for local governments
- Increased business for regional and national mining support vendors
- Increased state and local sales taxes
- \$168 million in state severance taxes
- \$1.6 billion to trucking firms transporting ore

The withdrawal is disastrous to local and national economy, in terms of new jobs, revenues, taxes, fees, and undermines national energy independence.

Without question, both northern Arizona and southern Utah are economically depressed areas (along with the entire United States at this point in time) and will be even more so if the mining companies are forced to pull out. Mining in the area has and can continue to create desperately needed, well-paying jobs as well as badly needed tax revenues for local, state and federal government. Over the last thirty or so years, the mining companies working in northern Arizona have done nothing but good for the region, the state of Arizona and the entire nation.

I consider myself to be as environmentally aware as anyone in America and I believe that nuclear energy (fueled by American uranium from Arizona) can go a long way in reducing the carbon pollution that is SUPPOSEDLY causing global warming. Let's use this valuable uranium resource to make our country more energy independent while, at the same time, doing something concrete to lessen global warming. Let's not stick our heads in the sand, especially with North Africa (and a few billion barrels of oil) going up in smoke!

Respectfully - 
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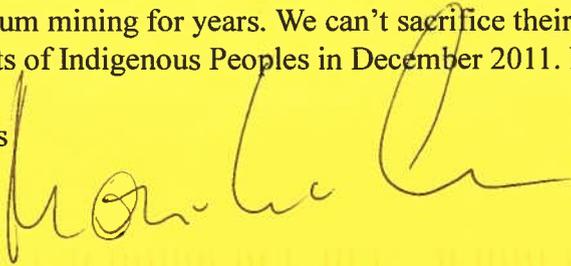
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