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March 17, 2011

SCOTT FLORENCE
DISTRICT MANAGER
ARIZONA STRIP DISTRICT
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
345 EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE
ST. GEORGE, UT 84790**RE: Centennial West Clean Line Transmission Line Project Community Leader Workshops**

Dear Mr. Florence:

Centennial West Clean Line LLC (Centennial West) is developing a high voltage direct current (HVDC) electric transmission line known as the Centennial West Clean Line. The Centennial West Clean Line will connect some of the nation's best wind resources, located in eastern New Mexico, to energy demand centers in Southern California. The line will be capable of transmitting 3,500 megawatts of new wind generation, representing at least \$7 billion dollars of new investments.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Centennial West development team will be conducting a series of community leader workshops across New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California during the coming months. **These workshops are not part of the NEPA process.** Centennial West will be holding separate agency pre-scoping and public scoping meetings in the near future. These workshops are an opportunity to gather important feedback about our project from local leaders. If you would like to attend a workshop, please join us at:

Date and Time:

Thursday - April 14, 2011
8:30am to 10:00am

Location:

College of Southern Nevada - Boulder City Center
700 Wyoming Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

Doors will open a half hour in advance; project materials will be available for review and refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend, or send a representative in your place, please RSVP by March 30, 2011: rsvp@centennialwestcleanline.com - OR - (800) 773-3138.



The Centennial West Clean Line team is currently working with the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Defense and State Land and Regulatory officials to secure all necessary federal and state permits for the project. In January 2011, we filed an Application for Right-of-Way (Standard Form 299) with these agencies; and submitted a preliminary Plan of Development. At the appropriate time, we will conduct formal agency pre-scoping and public scoping meetings as required by NEPA.

We look forward to continuing our cooperation with agency staff as we engage in the NEPA process. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can also find more information on our website at www.cleanlineenergy.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Sparks", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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What part of the idea of holding federal lands and parks in trust for future generations is unclear? I disapprove of all mining, particularly for uranium, which to my knowledge is mainly, and possibly only, used for nuclear bombs and reactors.

And how about a fifth choice - none of the above?

We only have one earth, and as it is being diminished and raped, so are we.

WAKE UP!

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Scott Florence, BLM District Manager
Attn: Grand Canyon Withdrawal Project
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Dear Mr. Florence:

Please consider my comments which follow on the draft environmental impact statement. Here in southern Oregon I live near many BLM-managed public lands. Their wild character is a great asset to our region.

I heartily support Alternative B, Secretary Ken Salazar's proposal to withdraw 1 million acres around the Grand Canyon from mineral entry. It is the only alternative that adequately protects the tributary drainages and mesas. They need to be protected as essential parts of the whole.

There is only one Grand Canyon! People come from all over the world to see it. Forty-five years ago my brother was a volunteer in the campaign against two dams that would have been built in the Grand Canyon. Fortunately that project was rejected by the U.S. Congress. Mining too should be rejected.

Under the "Reasonably Foreseeable Development" predicted in the EIS, only 7 mines would be developed under Alternative B, on claims with valid existing rights, compared to 26 without any withdrawal, 14 under Alternative C or 22 under Alternative D. Alternative B clearly is the best way to limit the damage.

The final EIS should include a plan for BLM to challenge claims that have no valuable mineral deposit. Such claims should be contested and cancelled, so there can be no damage on those sites.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely yours,



I support protecting from mining the one million acres of public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park as identified in Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I also support protecting these lands for 20 years, which is the maximum allowed administratively.

I am a retired PhD Nuclear Engineer. Current events in Japan notwithstanding, I believe nuclear power to be a viable & necessary part of our energy future. However, we do not need to desecrate this precious landscape to support it.

David E Lamkin



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I support protecting from mining the one million acres of public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park as identified in Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I also support protecting these lands for 20 years, which is the maximum allowed administratively.

This is a national treasure and ought to be protected from mining claims. Please withdraw this area as soon as possible.
Marcia E. Lambkin

FROM:
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BLM, Northern Arizona Withdrawal Project
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Dear Mr. Florence:

Please enter the following comments into the record in favor of Alternative B, the protective withdrawal of 1 million acres proposed by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. The Grand Canyon is one of our greatest national parks, and it attracts visitors from all over the world. Mining should never be allowed anywhere it could impair the wild character or beauty of the Grand Canyon.

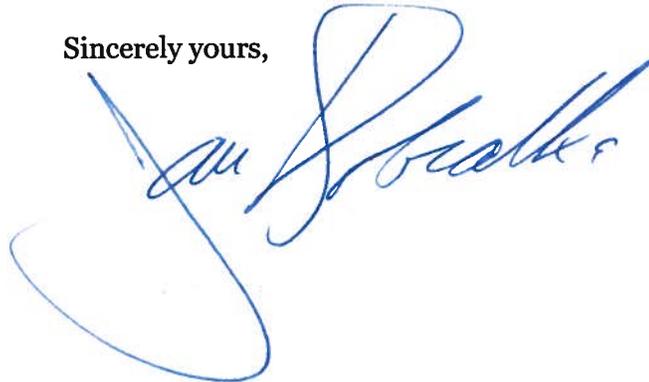
We have a map of the proposed withdrawal, showing three tracts – two north of Grand Canyon National Park, one south of it. We thank BLM for publishing a thorough environmental impact statement. It shows that widespread impacts would occur if Alternative B is not adopted. Alternative A could mean 26 new mines and 728 exploration projects; Alternative C, 14 mines and 207 explorations; Alternative D, 22 mines and 431 explorations. Each site would mean impacts on the lands and waters of the Grand Canyon, and damaging the wildness and beauty visitors enjoy there.

Alternative B should be approved because it holds the impact down to seven mines and 11 explorations. We urge BLM to initiate an acquisition program to acquire those mineral rights by exchange or buyout, so their impacts can be averted altogether.

We notice on the map that hundreds of mining claims were staked before the area was closed by Secretary Salazar's emergency order 2 years ago. We urge BLM to challenge those claims and cancel those that do not qualify under the mining law by having a valuable mineral deposit.

Please pass our thanks on to Secretary Salazar for his bold action to protect the Grand Canyon in all its splendor. We wish BLM well in completing this project.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Mr. Florence:

I take pleasure in submitting these comments on your environmental impact statement on the Grand Canyon withdrawal. I support Alternative B, Secretary Ken Salazar's proposal to withdraw one million acres from mineral entry for 20 years, the maximum allowed by law. I submitted comments in 2009 supporting this proposal.

The withdrawal is needed to forestall mining companies from grabbing rights to lands that belong to all of us. The Mining Law of 1872 makes mining the dominant use wherever any person has discovered a valuable mineral deposit. Even if a mining claim were on the most beautiful spot on Earth, nobody could say no to the miner.

I have before me a map of the proposed withdrawal. It covers three parcels – two lying north of Grand Canyon National Park, one lying south of it. All are parts of the Grand Canyon tributary watersheds. A friend of mine has visited the two northern parcels. Most visitors to the South Rim arrive via the southern parcel.

Alternative B is the best way to protect the canyon and its tributaries. The EIS presents a forecast by the US Geological Survey of reasonably foreseeable development for uranium in the affected lands. As many as 26 new mines would be developed under Alternative A, 14 under Alternative C, 22 under Alternative D. Only 7 mines are predicted under Alternative B, on valid existing rights, and I believe that number can be further reduced by exchange or buyout.

To support the withdrawal, BLM should contest all existing claims that lack a valuable mineral deposit. No doubt many claims do not meet the Mining Law's standard and can be invalidated before any damage is done.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


R. Larry Laffoon