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Court Recorder transcript of comments at Kaibab Paiute Community Meeting.
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NORTHERN ARIZONA PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL DEIS
COMMUNITY MEETING

SUBJECT: The proposed withdrawal of approximately 1,010,776
acres near Grand Canyon from location and entry under the
Mining Law of 1874 for 20 years.

Taken At: KAIBAB COMMUNITY CENTER

1 Pipe Springs Rd.

Fredonia, Arizona

March 1, 2011

5 p.m.

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1 P U B L I C C O M M E N T S

2 ROLAND MALDONADO: The need for radiation
3 monitoring along the haul route, both north and south of the
4 canyon, is a first and best line of defense against
5 radiation poisoning. First concern being evidence of
6 poisoning is a multi-decade waiting period. We should not
7 have to wait or rely upon self-governing from the companies,
8 as their main goal is a financial endeavor.

9 The effects of radiation upwind and downwind
10 engulf our entire culture and way of life. From the grass
11 the cattle feed on to the water that the cattle and the
12 horses drink, and the availability of medicines and other
13 culturally sensitive materials that we gather and use and
14 take into our persons.

15 Monitoring for radon gas is inadequate, as it
16 dissipates fairly rapidly. The contracts, or your
17 agreements of understanding, do not address these issues.
18 Your regulatory authorities have no real authority to
19 enforce any of these issues. They should be part of their
20 agreements of understanding.

21 There needs to be a timeline of reclamation when a
22 mine is on stand-by so we do not have material laying about
23 for years and/or decades, as is the case with Kanab North.

24 Stand-by should not be an open-ended situation.

25 Halo effect of contamination of the mine and

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1 surrounding area should not be once the mine closes, but
2 should be an ongoing inspection item. Contamination does
3 not happen after the mine closes, it happens during
4 operations. This is one way of monitoring actual effects
5 and contamination.

6 MANUEL SAVALA: I'm going to propose for the
7 Kaibab Tribal Government another alternative. I already
8 approached BLM ten years ago to give me the Arizona Strip.
9 But I was -- well, I went all the way to Phoenix and back.
10 And the final outcome was they told me to go to my
11 Congressman. I wrote my Congressman. I never got anywhere.
12 So, but this time around, since I'm chairman, I'm going to
13 push for another alternative. And I feel that if I got the
14 Arizona Strip we can exert more pressure, maybe not stop the
15 mining, but more additional exploration anyway. But it
16 would benefit the Tribe economically, culturally. Like the
17 Secretary of the Interior said, he wanted to get Indian
18 Tribal Lands under trust. So I want to see if they really
19 want to do that.

20 And another assumption is 80 percent of the people
21 that run Arizona Strip, the cattle people, they are all from

22 Utah. The other five are from Nevada, and other five,
23 California. So we really don't run our own Arizona Strip.
24 And I ain't got nothing against Utah, but Utah think that
25 they own this strip. And, up here, we don't get no services

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1 from Arizona government. Our TV comes from Utah. Our
2 newspaper. We do all our banking in Utah. Our grocery
3 shopping, any kind of shopping we've got to go to Utah. But
4 we love Arizona, don't get me wrong. But on this PAL Grant,
5 payment in lieu of taxes, even that money goes to Kingman.
6 We don't see any of it up here on The Strip to benefit us,
7 Fredonia, Colorado City or the Tribe. We have to beg for
8 money. And I think this land was ours as it was in the
9 beginning. We would share with all our neighboring
10 communities. That's all I've got to say for now.

11 ILA BULLETTTS: Well, I just want them to know that
12 wherever they are mining is on our tribal ancestral lands.
13 And, all the minerals, whatever they are taking out, has a
14 life. And it's very important that they remember that we
15 were here first. And in some areas there are cultural areas
16 that we need to get to. And when you say the end of your
17 world, it's the end of our world too, places that we need to
18 be at a certain time in our lives. That's it.

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13 ABILITY IS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING PAGES 2 to 4.

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