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FORM LETTER 1

UNKNOWN SENDER

NAZ Administrator

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 9:52 PM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: Proposal

February 27, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

Please extend the Dept. of Interior's current two-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,

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 2

SIERRA CLUB

NAZ Administrator

From: Sierra Club Membership Services <membership.services@sierraclub.org> on behalf of [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 5:40 PM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: Support mineral withdrawal of lands around Grand Canyon

Feb 22, 2011

Mr. Scott Florence
345 E. Riverside Drive
St. George, UT 84790

Dear Mr. Florence,

I support protecting one million acres of public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park from mining for 20 years, as presented in Alternative B of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Grand Canyon has more biological diversity than any other national park, primarily because it is surrounded by large unpopulated areas, old growth forests, and diverse contiguous habitats. Numerous seeps and springs support wildlife, rare plants, and recreation.

The area proposed for withdrawal captures the watershed, as well as groundwater that flows toward seeps and springs inside the Park and toward neighboring tribal lands. This water is critical as it eventually flows into the Colorado River, which supplies millions of people with drinking water.

Grand Canyon National Park also generates hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue for Arizona, Utah, and Nevada. Uranium mining and the threat of contamination or industrialization threatens the livelihoods of local residents for temporary profits for foreign companies. Tens of millions of our taxpayer dollars are already being spent to clean up abandoned uranium mines, mills, and dumps in the Grand Canyon region, while hundreds of abandoned mines continue to pollute the air and water. We should not risk Grand Canyon waters and wildlife, the public health, or the cost for future cleanups.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed -- its people, wildlife, and wildlands -- by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 3

CHANGE.ORG

NAZ Administrator

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 6:05 AM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

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.

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 4

ENVIRONMENT ARIZONA

NAZ Administrator

From: Environment Arizona <action@environmentarizona.org> on behalf of [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2011 4:21 PM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon

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.

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,

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 5

UNKNOWN SENDER

NAZ Administrator

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 10:40 AM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: DEIS proposed withdrawal of hard-rock (uranium) mining at the Grand Canyon.

To: BLM - Arizona Strip District

Re: DEIS proposed withdrawal of hard-rock (uranium) mining at the Grand Canyon.

I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative B, the one million acre, 20 year withdrawal alternative.

The Grand Canyon is a special place and deserves special protection - especially from something as horribly destructive as uranium mining has proven to be throughout it's history. It is impossible to mine for uranium in a way that would protect the precious resources of the Grand Canyon area, especially the ground water.

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 6

PEW ENVIRONMENT GROUP

NAZ Administrator

From: Pew Environment Group <advocacyemail@pewtrusts.org> on behalf of [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:28 PM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: Don't Undermine the Grand Canyon

Mar 17, 2011

Bureau of Land Management

Dear Management,

Grand Canyon National Park is one of our nation's crown jewels, a uniquely American landscape that represents one of the world's greatest natural wonders. Carved by the Colorado River over millions of years, the canyon provides a haven for abundant fish and wildlife, a destination point for rafters and kayakers and is home to the people of many tribal nations who have lived in the area for hundreds of years.
But potential uranium mining at the park's borders endangers the precious resources that attract nearly five million visitors annually.

Don't undermine the Grand Canyon. In the tradition of President Theodore Roosevelt, please protect this American icon for future generations by putting all 1 million acres of public lands around it off limits to new mining claims.

Please consider this as an official comment on the "Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)" that appeared in the Federal Register on February 18, 2011 (Volume 76, Number 34).

Sincerely,

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 7

CARE2

NAZ Administrator

From: Care2 <petitionquestions@care2team.com> on behalf of [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:28 PM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon National Park

Mar 17, 2011

NEZ Proposed Withdrawal

Dear Proposed Withdrawal,

Each year more than 5 million people visit Grand Canyon National Park to experience what President Theodore Roosevelt said is "the one great sight which every American should see." But the potential for new uranium mining around its borders threatens to spoil this timeless treasure and the Colorado River that has run through it for millions of years.

Don't undermine the Grand Canyon. In the tradition of President Theodore Roosevelt, please protect this American icon for future generations by putting all 1 million acres of public lands around it off limits to new mining claims.

Please consider this as an official comment on the "Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)" that appeared in the Federal Register on February 18, 2011 (Volume 76, Number 34).

Sincerely,

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 8

WILDERNESS SOCIETY

NAZ Administrator

From: The Wilderness Society <action@tws.org> on behalf of [redacted]
[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 3:47 PM
To: azasminerals@blm.gov
Subject: Protect Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Mar 25, 2011

District Manager, Grand Canyon Mining Withdrawal Project Scott Florence
345 East Riverside Drive
St. George, UT 84790-6714

Dear District Manager, Grand Canyon Mining Withdrawal Project Florence,

I strongly support the proposed action of withdrawing the entire 1,010,776 acres of the greater Grand Canyon area from new mining activities, as proposed in Alternative B of the Draft EIS. This important action provides the necessary protection for one of America's most important and valued landscapes.

The Grand Canyon watershed is ecologically significant and provides important water resources to millions of Americans. The Greater Grand Canyon Ecoregion is highly valued for providing opportunities for fishing, hunting, and exploring wildlands in one of America's most remote and scenic regions. The threats posed by uranium mining are unjustifiable in such an important area.

I urge BLM to support Alternative B in the Draft EIS and protect over 1 million acres of public lands near the Grand Canyon from the adverse effects of mineral exploration and mining.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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FORM LETTER 9

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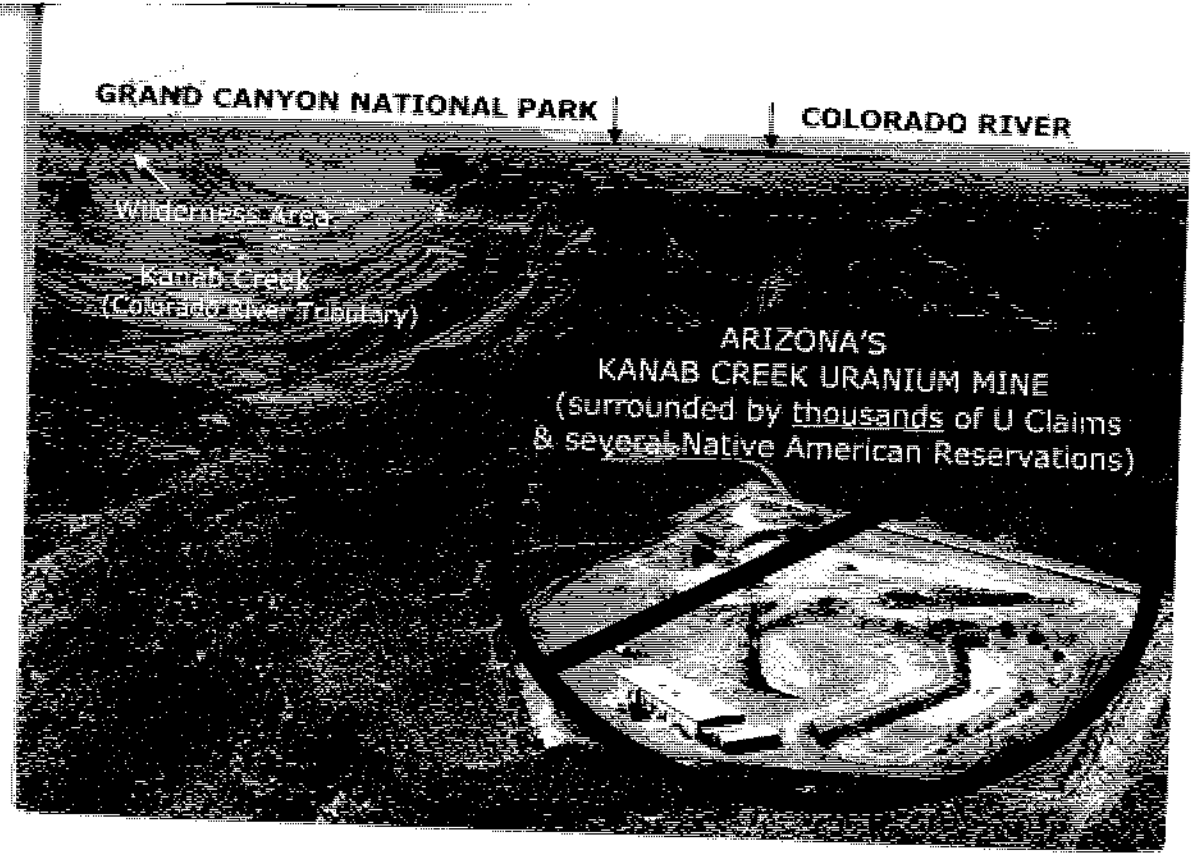
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(Colorado River Tributary)
ARIZONA'S
KANAB CREEK URANIUM MINE
(surrounded by thousands of U Claims
& several Native American Reservations)

Just say "NO" to Uranium Mining in the Colorado River/Grand Canyon!

Halt Mine development

Consider

Alternative "B"

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Healthcare provider USA Citizen GI Veteran

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Arizona Strip District
345 E. Riverside Drive
St. George, Ut.
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ARIZONA STRIP FIELD OFFICE

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FORM LETTER 10

SIERRA CLUB POSTCARD

I support the full withdrawal of all segregation areas on the plateaus around Grand Canyon National Park from uranium mining, for at least 20 years.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ARIZONA STRIP FIELD OFFICE

MAR 24 2011

FROM:
(address must be included)

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TO:

Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Project
ATTN: Scott Florence, District Manager
Bureau of Land Management,
Arizona Strip District
345 E. Riverside Drive
St. George, UT 84790-6714

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FORM LETTER 11

JUST SAY NO

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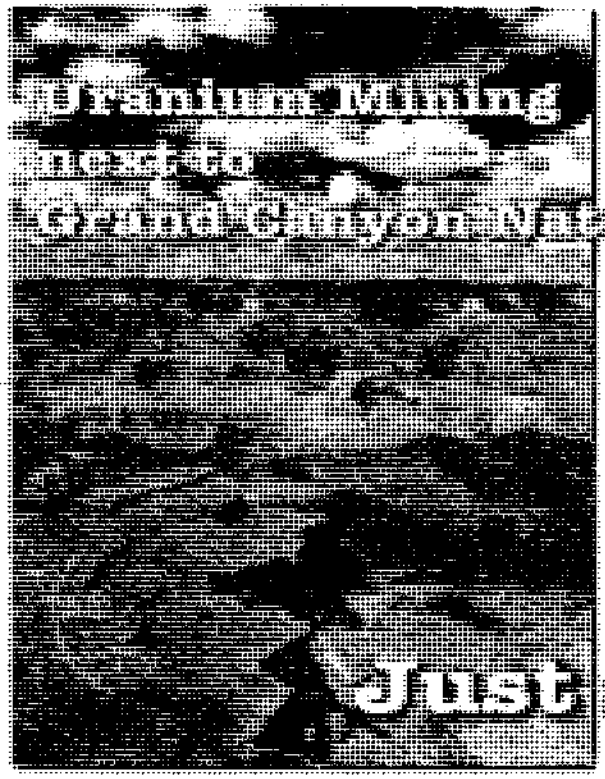

Uranium Mining next to Grand Canyon National Park?

Just say No!

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.

FROM:
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[redacted]

TO:

Northern Arizona Proposed
Withdrawal Project
ATTN: Scott Florence, District Manager
Bureau of Land Management,
Arizona Strip District
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FORM LETTER 12

HARDCOPY VERSION OF FORM LETTER 1

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February 21, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

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 your extending that protection forward 20 years through a "mineral withdrawal."

This action will prevent new uranium mines (amid more than 10,000 mining claims) 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,

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HARDCOPY – UNKNOWN SENDER

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Secretary Ken Salazar
U.S. Department of the Interior
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Arizona Strip District
345 East Riverside Drive
St. George, UT 84790
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ARIZONA STRIP FIELD OFFICE

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No uranium mining at the Grand Canyon!

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 Wthdrawal Application, Arizona.

The 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 Grand Canyon is also the home of the Havasupai Nation. Indigenous Nations have been suffering from uranium mining for years. We can't sacrifice their lives. President Obama has signed the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in December 2011. Now, it is time to implement it.

Yours

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 14

AVAAZ

NAZ Administrator

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:02 PM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: Save the Grand Canyon

Dear President Obama, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, and Arizona Bureau of Land Management,

I am writing to ask you to take urgent action to protect the Grand Canyon and choose Alternative B: protection for the full one million acres of land for at least the next 20 years.

The National Forest area around the Grand Canyon is an important ecosystem. Uranium mining is a growing threat to the park, with 1,100 mining claims within five miles of the Canyon. Uranium so close to the Canyon could seriously threaten the region and potentially pollute the Colorado River.

Please safeguard one of our most important national treasures by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

[redacted]

LETTER GENERATOR 15

NWMA

Letter Generator : http://www.nwma.org/actionAlert.asp?AlertID=2

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The following are my comments about your proposed blockade of uranium mining when the U.S. needs this valuable resource.

You have listed many plants in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Curiously, some of the named plants are not located within the withdrawal area so cannot be treated as a viable concern for this study. The other listed plants are not in danger of becoming extinct with the proposed uranium mining in northern Arizona.

With the unique breccia pipe deposits resulting in smaller, underground mines; advances in mining technology, and the piles of regulations and regulating agencies that control mining, the impact of uranium mining on the environment in northern Arizona is negligible. There are no open pits, leach ponds or tailings. The locations of several pipes mined in the 80's and 90's are so thoroughly reclaimed, that identifying the sites is difficult, even to the experienced eye. Those who suggest that current mining would have the same impact as mining of 50 years ago are disingenuous.

I would like to express my support for "Alternative A – No Withdrawal" contained in the recently released northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Draft Environmental Impact Statement. In this DEIS, the Bureau of Land Management failed to prove that uranium mining is in any way a threat to the Grand Canyon nor that this valuable and rich resource should be locked up.

There is $3.4 billion in uranium in northern Arizona, hundreds of jobs to be had, energy for our country, not one lost dollar in revenue to the tourism business and no harm to the Grand Canyon. Secretary Ken Salazar needs to drop the removal and let this country go back to work.

I would like to express my support for "Alternative A – No Withdrawal" contained in the recently released northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Draft Environmental Impact Statement. In this DEIS, the Bureau of Land Management failed to prove that uranium mining is in any way a threat to the Grand Canyon nor that this valuable and rich resource should be locked up.

At a time when Arizona's unemployment is near 10%, it's extremely short-sighted to lock away 1,000,000+ acres of public land from uranium mining and exploration in northern Arizona. This area could produce an average annual direct and indirect economic impact of $700 million. That is a bit more than the $687 million (2005 figures) that the Grand Canyon takes in (for 1,218,376 acres). As for tourists and mining operations, the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed withdrawal indicates there would be few interactions between the two groups. Visitation to the park and tourist spending isn't likely to be affected much at all. What would an EIS reveal about 5,000,000 annual visitors to the Grand Canyon National Park?

The high radionuclide contamination in some of the creeks and streams comes from natural uranium in these waterways, not from any mining or exploration. But here's a good point. If the environmentalists are so concerned about the uranium contamination, why are they stopping us from finding it, digging it out, sending it hundreds of miles away and turning it into cheap clean energy for this country?

I am writing to register my opposition to any kind of withdrawal of lands in northern Arizona by the BLM and the Department of Interior.

We know that water contamination from mining has not happened. The United States Geological Survey and the University of Arizona both concluded that mining activities did not contaminate the watershed. It is known nationally that uranium exists in all drinking water. It is a natural occurrence throughout the U.S.

I wish to voice my strong opposition to any withdrawal of public lands in northern Arizona from future uranium exploration and mining. The BLM's recently released DEIS has completely failed to satisfy me that there is any impending danger (much less any crisis) inherent in continued uranium exploration and mining near the Grand Canyon. The rich uranium resources located there should be developed so as to economically benefit our nation and help lessen even further dependence on foreign sources.

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.

While alleging that exploration and mining of breccia pipes might contaminate the Grand Canyon watershed, opponents of mining ignore the facts that similar exploration and mining activity took place in the 80's and 90's with NO detrimental effect on the environment and its inhabitants.

Everyone loves the Grand Canyon – even employees of mining companies. To suggest they would willfully despoil its grandeur is ludicrous.

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 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.

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.

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.

I am an American who believes that if we can safely do it, we should! The past thirty years of successful and environmentally sensitive uranium exploration and mining in northern Arizona is proof positive that it is safe, and that there is absolutely no reason to stop it and lock away this most valuable gift from God.

I am totally against the federal government stopping uranium exploration and mining on the Arizona Strip and elsewhere in northern Arizona. It doesn't matter the number of "studies" you do, the simple fact remains that uranium mining here in northern Arizona is not a danger to anyone, anywhere and never has been.

We should all be grateful that the mining companies are removing the uranium from the area around the Grand Canyon. It's not doing us any good just sitting there in the ground. In fact, it is the (naturally occurring) pollutant that the so-called environmentalists have been complaining about the most. Get it out and turn it into clean, non-polluting energy; the sooner the better!

While alleging that exploration and mining of breccia pipes might contaminate the Grand Canyon watershed, opponents of mining ignore the facts that similar exploration and mining activity took place in the 80's and 90's with NO detrimental effect on the environment and its inhabitants.

If you want to study environmental impacts, rather than studying uranium exploration and mining which have an excellent track record in northern Arizona, you should be studying the environmental impact of the almost 5 million visitors that annually come to the Grand Canyon. Now there is an environmental impact worth studying.

I oppose any withdrawal of public lands in northern Arizona from further uranium mining activities. The science says that uranium mining is safe there. The hundreds of overlapping federal and state laws make uranium mining safe there. The major federal land agencies seem to think that uranium mining is safe there. In fact, everyone except a few environmental extremists believe uranium mining is safe there.

The "legacy" of old mines seems to be a highlighted time and again in environmentalists' propaganda against uranium mining. Yet, most of those mines were dug many, many years ago before anyone knew of the dangers of mining uranium underground for prolonged periods of time. Those days were similar to the gold rush days where prospectors rushed to find the gold. As stated in the DEIS, there are many

federal and state regulations governing the mining process. These have been in place for many, many years. In Chapter 2, page 10 (of the DEIS), it is noted: "A mine operator is required to provide the BLM with an approved financial guarantee that is adequate to cover the estimated cost to complete the reclamation plan before beginning activities." The guarantee then provides the federal government with the funds to reclaim a mine should a mining company go bankrupt. That means that reclamation can be done as the funds are in the hands of the government. That tells me that a mine site will be reclaimed so Alternative A is the best option. We as a nation get the much needed uranium and the federal government has the reclamation funds even before a mining operation begins.

The high radionuclide contamination in some of the creeks and streams comes from natural uranium in these waterways, not from any mining or exploration. But here's a good point. If the environmentalists are so concerned about the uranium contamination, why are they stopping us from finding it, digging it out, sending it hundreds of miles away and turning it into cheap clean energy for this country?

Let's use the environmentalists' numbers. We only supply 8% of our own uranium to generate 20% of the United States electricity so we have to buy 92% from somebody like Australia, Canada, or Russia. This statistic is reason enough to let us find every additional uranium resource possible. This nation needs to get its head out of the sand and become energy independent. With the whole world going nuclear, it is going to become more and more difficult and expensive to get that 92% uranium to power this nation. And again, that means that 92% of the money to buy uranium will be going to a foreign country.

For the government to withdraw public lands in northern Arizona public from uranium exploration and mining would be a purely political decision that my friends and I will most certainly remember in coming elections.

We know that transporting ore has been done safely by the uranium mining companies. Energy Fuels Nuclear had 58,800 loads of ore hauled more than 17 million miles during the 80's with only five spills. Those spills, as with any other uranium ore spill, are cleaned up with shovels and rakes. The Federal Department of Transportation does not require trucks hauling ore to display a Hazmat number because the ore is not a hazardous material.

I strongly oppose your initiative to stop uranium exploration and mining in those areas in northern Arizona. Such a move would be both short-sighted and foolish given the current state of the U.S.

economy and our over-dependence upon foreign sources of almost every energy-producing mineral and resource.

Everyone loves the Grand Canyon – even employees of mining companies. To suggest they would willfully despoil its grandeur is ludicrous.

In my personal review of the Bureau of Land Management's recently released Draft Environmental Impact Statement about uranium mining near the Grand Canyon Grand Canyon, I find nothing to warrant the closure to uranium exploration and mining of the immense area of northern Arizona that has been proposed. This War and Peace-sized study is rife with ambiguities and does not even come close to proving anything that would warrant closing this vast area to mineral exploration and mining. I am emphatically against any and all proposals that would close this area to further mining activities.

I have read a lot of propaganda from various special interest groups about the so-called "negative impact" uranium mining would have on tourism in northern Arizona. But I seriously doubt that even one in ten thousand visitors to the Grand Canyon is even vaguely aware that there is any mining activity anywhere near the area. Tourists and miners just do not come into contact with one another.

In the DEIS Executive Summary under Impact on Water Resources, the following statements are made. "The impact on the Colorado River across all alternatives is none or negligible and of short-term to long-term duration. The impact on the Virgin River across all alternatives is none or negligible and of long-term duration." This again confirms my position that no withdrawal of public lands should take place to prevent uranium mining in this area.

This letter is my statement against your proposed withdrawal of northern Arizona land to uranium exploration and mining.

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.

When one pits your recently published Draft Environmental Impact Statement against reality, one can only come to the conclusion that this entire fiasco is politically motivated: politics as usual. I for one am for a strong America, an America that is energy self-sufficient and sane; therefore, I vehemently oppose the implementation of any restrictions on uranium exploration and mining activities in northern Arizona.

In the great tradition of bureaucracies since time immemorial, you've done it again; spent time, money, resources and energy studying something to death that didn't need studying to begin with! The Bureau of Land Management's recently published Draft Environmental Impact Statement about uranium mining near the Grand Canyon Grand Canyon is a case in point. This tome is a monument to bureaucratic inefficiency, tunnel vision and politically motivated horse dung. It also seems to be proof positive that the Peter Principal is alive and well at the highest levels of our national government.

The executive summary indicates that "under all alternatives, there would be no direct impacts on designated and proposed wilderness characteristics." Thus, the areas that have been set aside for that purpose would have no ill effects. That reaffirms that no withdrawal should take place in northern Arizona. I again state that Alternative A is the best alternative.

The detractors of mining in northern Arizona have done a great job touting tourism and the profits and the number jobs it provides to the area. The only problem with their numbers is that the majority of the profits go to the big companies that own the hotels, restaurants, transportation companies and other tourist infrastructure. The local people who actually work in the tourist industry are largely the cooks, bartenders, waiters/waitresses, maids, desk clerks, cashiers, tickets takers and other low-paid service workers whose jobs are highly seasonal and whose employers pay minimum wage or close and rarely pay for any benefits whatsoever.

We are not talking about open pit uranium mines. These breccia pipe mines are small underground mines – about 20 acres – compared to the thousands of acres required to mine open pit resources. Small mines mean less dust, very little noise and limited water use.

This letter is my statement against your proposed withdrawal of northern Arizona land to uranium exploration and mining.

The federal government should leave well enough alone and allow uranium exploration and mining to continue in northern Arizona. The mining companies have done an environmentally responsible job for

decades in northern Arizona and they have been the only source of really good-paying jobs in an economically depressed region. Leave well enough alone and let uranium mining continue as it has.

Ore transportation from the Arizona Strip to the mill in Blanding has never been deemed dangerous. There are no federal transportation regulations that deem hauling the ore as a hazardous operation. No Hazmat numbers are required or necessary. In the event of a spill, workers use shovels and/or rakes to clean up the rocks. No danger exists from the ore.

FORM LETTER 16

UNKNOWN SENDER

NAZ Administrator

From: ASOWEB_AZ@blm.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 11:52 AM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: Received at ASOWEB Today
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Thank you!
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03/29/2011 06:10 PM

To
ASOWEB_AZ@blm.gov
cc

Subject
Extend Moratoriums on Uranium Mining in the Grand Canyon.

Greetings, President Obama, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, and Arizona Bureau of Land Management,

Whereas,
"For two years, a hard-won moratorium on mining has protected the Canyon, but the ban is now set to expire. If the federal government doesn't renew it, a "Uranium Rush" of mining would permanently scar the face of this unique and priceless land, devastate local communities, and endanger water supplies for millions who live nearby." ~ Avaaz

Whereas,
In addition to irradiating the drinking water for millions of people and other living beings, the dispersion of radioactive waste is not containable or controllable in a LIVING BIOSPHERE. ☆
Whereas,
Scientists do not know what to do with radioactive wastes and the devastating effects on ALL LIFE will be felt for half a million years. ☆
Whereas,
Further commercial and/or military use of Nukes contaminates the ENTIRE PLANET. ☆
Whereas,
Nuclear power is not a sustainable source of Energy. ☆
Whereas,
Nuclear power is NOT SAFE. ☆
Whereas,
Our natural nuclear reactor in the sky is an astronomical distance away for good reason. ☆

☆ (please see "Nuclear Power is NOT the Answer" by Dr. Helen Caldicott).

Whereas,
We the undersigned are strongly in favor of common sense renewal of the moratorium on Uranium mining in the Grand Canyon FOREVER.
Whereas,
We feel that RENEWAL of the MINING MORATORIUM in the Grand Canyon is the only SANE thing to do and that anything less is a betrayal of all Life, including our own.

Therefore,
We the undersigned call on you to please be a responsible steward for all Life on Planet Earth. Extend all moratoriums on mining, and ESP on Uranium mining, in the Grand Canyon for AT LEAST 20 years.

Thank you for your honest attention to preventing one of the biggest catastrophes to the "HeartLand" in the history of North America.

Truly,

©€L§c}{vv@^+z™ March 29, 2009

[redacted]

Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org,
viewable at
www.change.org/petitions/6-days-renew-moratorium-on-grand-canyon-uranium-mining-2.
To respond, email responses@change.org and include a link to this
petition. (Embedded image moved to file: pic27085.gif)
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	To
03/29/2011 07:21 PM	ASOWEB_AZ@blm.gov
	cc
	Subject
Please respond to	Extend Moratoriums on Uranium

[redacted]

Greetings, President Obama, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, and Arizona
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Whereas,

FORM LETTER 17

DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE

NAZ Administrator

From: Defenders of Wildlife <ecommunications@defenders.org> on behalf of [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 11:56 PM
To: ASFOWEB_AZ@blm.gov
Subject: Uranium Mining in the Grand Canyon

Apr 1, 2011

Mr. Scott Florence
AZ

Dear Mr. Florence,

As an Arizona resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the possibility of new uranium mining near the Grand Canyon National Park.

The Grand Canyon National Park has more biological diversity than any other national park, primarily because it is surrounded by large unpopulated areas, old growth forests, and diverse contiguous habitats.
The region serves as important land for wildlife, rare plants, and recreation.

Countless imperiled wildlife like black bears and California condor call this area home and new mining stands to impact them. Even more, this area could serve as a recovery area for the endangered Mexican gray wolf, but not if new mining operations occur.

The Grand Canyon National Park also generates hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue for Arizona, Utah, and Nevada. Uranium mining and the threat of contamination or industrialization threatens the livelihoods of local residents for temporary profits for foreign companies.

Tens of millions of our taxpayer dollars are already being spent to clean up abandoned uranium mines, mills, and dumps in the Grand Canyon region, while hundreds of abandoned mines continue to pollute the air and water. We should not risk Grand Canyon waters and wildlife, public health, or the cost of future cleanups.

Please adopt Alternative B. This alternative will withdraw about 1 million acres from hardrock mineral exploration and mining for 20 years.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 18

CHANGE.ORG

NAZ Administrator

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 3:20 PM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: Halt Uranium Mining in and around the Grand Canyon

Greetings,

We are disheartened to hear that the action to halt uranium mining in and around the Grand Canyon was denied by federal court decision on June 17, 2010. This was a devastating blow in the fight to protect the already fragile ecosystems throughout the Colorado Plateau. Results of further ecological destruction include a dramatic increase in toxic pollution, radiation poisoning, and the extinction of life already protected through the endangered species protection enactments.

Development of mining claims result in the loss and destruction of habitat, vegetation, wildlife, and contamination of these critical ecosystems. Most of the mining claims are unsubstantiated, therefore allowing the explorative operations is far more devastating to life and the environment.

There is no doubt in our understanding of uranium mining practices that the cumulative effects of the mining, milling, transporting and detonating radioactive materials are causing long-term effects on water resources in the Grand Canyon region. It is the responsibility of not only the NPS, but also the DOI and all global citizens to preserve critical processes and linkages that will ensure the preservation of rare, endemic, and specially protected plant and animal species, and all human residents and visitors of the Grand Canyon region.

The fate of millions of lives are dependent upon and affected by all that happens in and around the Grand Canyon ~ the fate of these lives is in our hands.

We respectfully ask that you enact a 20-year ban on uranium mining around the Grand Canyon.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at www.change.org/petitions/worldwide-campaign-to-save-the-grand-canyon. To respond, email responses@change.org and include a link to this petition.

FORM LETTER 19

UNKNOWN SENDER

NAZ Administrator

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2011 8:53 PM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: Protect the Grand Canyon from uranium mining!

Dear President Obama:

I am writing to ask you to please protect the full one million acres (Alternative B) around the Grand Canyon from mineral development. This 20-year withdrawal is needed to make sure one of our most valuable resources is preserved for future generations.

Uranium mining is a growing threat to the park, with eleven hundred mining claims within five miles of the Canyon. The National Forest area around the Grand Canyon is an important ecosystem that supports endangered species, sensitive habitat, recreational opportunities, and vital groundwater resources. Uranium so close to the Canyon could seriously impair the region's ecosystem and potentially pollute the Colorado River.

Please safeguard one of our most important national treasures by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 20

LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

NAZ Administrator

From: League of Conservation Voters <feedback@lcv.org> on behalf of [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 11:06 AM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: Re: Stop Uranium Mining Near the Grand Canyon

Apr 15, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar

Dear Secretary Salazar,

Please consider this as an official comment on the "Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)" that appeared in the Federal Register on February 18, 2011 (Volume 76, Number 34).

I completely support the Department of the Interior's proposal to make
1 million acres around the Grand Canyon off-limits to uranium mining for the next 20 years.

The Grand Canyon is one of our nation's most beautiful and iconic landmarks -- we should be protecting it, not opening up the land around it for mining by corporate polluters.

I urge you to protect the Grand Canyon and the lands around it from corporate polluters by keeping those 1 million acres off-limits to uranium mining.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 21

NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

NAZ Administrator

From: National Parks Conservation Association <takeaction@npca.org> on behalf of [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2011 10:02 PM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: Alternative B

Apr 21, 2011

District Manager Scott Florence
345 East Riverside Drive
St. George, UT 847906714

Dear District Manager Florence,

I support protecting one million acres of public land in the Grand Canyon watershed from mining as presented in Alternative B of the Draft Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement.

Grand Canyon is one of the most widely-known and appreciated national parks in the world. Its biological diversity is the result of its remarkable depth, diverse landscapes, its isolated seeps, springs, and caves and also the park's surrounding unpopulated areas, contiguous habitat, and old-growth forests on adjacent public lands. The water that would be protected by this withdrawal eventually flows into the Colorado River, and supplies millions of people with drinking water. We cannot risk its contamination.

Please protect the Grand Canyon watershed by choosing Alternative B to withdraw the entire area from location and entry under the Mining Law for 20 years.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 22

UNKNOWN SENDER

NAZ Administrator

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 8:42 PM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: NAZproposedwithdrawal

To Bureau of Land Management: ,

I am writing in opposition to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar's proposal to ban mining on more than one million acres of mineral-rich public land in northern Arizona in the vicinity of the Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP). The proposal would create a superfluous buffer zone around the GCNP, all 1.2 million acres of which are already off limits to mining. America's energy and economic security is jeopardized by the proposed withdrawal.

Preventing mining in this area not only deprives the states of Arizona and Utah of revenues that they direly need, but it also deprives the country of necessary raw materials. The proposed withdrawal puts at risk hundreds of high-paying mining jobs—with an average annual wage of $59,000, or 33 percent higher than the combined annual average for all industrial jobs—in both states.

The Department of the Interior's (DOI) own documents do not provide credible evidence that the mining ban is necessary to protect the GCNP. In fact, for many categories of potential impacts, the DOI's draft environmental impact statement (EIS) notes that allowing mining in that area would only have minor or temporary impacts. Furthermore, the EIS acknowledges the significance of mineral resources in the area, particularly sources of uranium.

The EIS indicates this area has produced some of the highest grade mineralization and most profitable uranium production in the United States and emphasizes the possibility that the majority of uranium resources on the subject lands have yet to be discovered.
Uranium is necessary to produce the nuclear energy that provides nearly 20 percent of electricity. Yet, the United States currently imports approximately 90 percent of the uranium it uses to produce energy.

For the reasons stated above, I support Alternative A, the no action/no withdrawal alternative identified in the DEIS. I oppose the mining ban as an overreaching effort to protect the GCNP from vague and unsubstantiated threats outside the park boundaries.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

FORM LETTER 23

CREDO ACTION

NAZ Administrator

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 8:42 PM
To: NAZproposedwithdrawal@azblm.org
Subject: 64,315 Americans say protect the Grand Canyon (10 of 10)
Attachments: 10.pdf

To:
Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Project
ATTN: Scott Florence, District Manager
345 East Riverside Drive
St. George, Utah 84790-6714.

Dear Mr. Scott Florence,
Attached you will find 64,315 public comment submissions in support of Alternative B of to withdraw the full one million acres around the Grand Canyon from mineral development. Though the comments vary slightly from person to person, the majority read as follows:

"Please protect the full one million acres (Alternative B) around the Grand Canyon from mineral development.

The Grand Canyon is one of our most important national treasures, and its watershed is relied on by tens of millions of Americans. We should not allow these precious resources to be exposed to the ravages of uranium mining and the pollution it leaves behind.

Please safeguard this spectacular natural place by withdrawing the entire area described in Alternative B from location and entry under the Mining Law."

These comments have been collected by CREDO Action and submitted to you on behalf of 64,315 members across the country. To see the individual comments and the names of the people who submitted them, please download the attached PDF. This is the tenth of 10 attachments.

You can also download the full signature file at the following url:
http://whq.credoaction.com:21200/US.pdf

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at 415.369.2000.

Sincerely,
[redacted]