

# TOWN OF TUSAYAN

at the entrance to Grand Canyon National Park

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April 15, 2011

Honorable Ken Salazar  
Secretary of Interior  
United States of America  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington DC 20240

Honorable Secretary Salazar;

The Town Council of Arizona's newest township, Tusayan, Arizona unanimously voted to send you the attached resolution in support of extending the segregation order limiting new mining claims on federal public lands adjacent to the Grand Canyon National Park in the Kanab Creek area and in the House Rock Valley managed by the Bureau of Land Management and in the Tusayan Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

Tourism is the driving force of our region's economy. A 2005 study by Northern Arizona University found that visitation to the Grand Canyon provides \$687 million annually in direct and indirect revenues to the local economy and employs 12,000 FTEs. The Canyon averages nearly five million visitors annually making it the key economic engine which impacts Flagstaff, Sedona, Verde Valley and other communities.

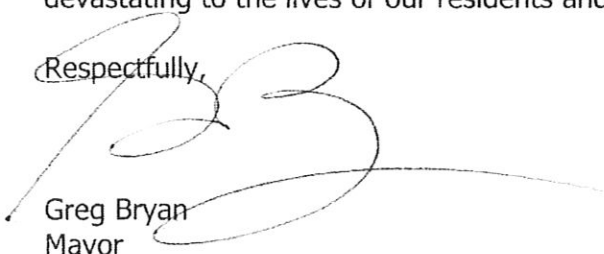
Any benefit from mining operations will be minimal to our communities since most of the operations are located on public lands. Uranium and other rock minerals mined on federal land do not pay royalties to U.S. taxpayers unlike oil, natural gas and coal industries. The majority of the mining companies that have filed new claims are foreign and so profits will leave Arizona and the United States.

We are also concerned with potential uranium contamination to affect tributaries that supply water to the Grand Canyon region and that flow into the Colorado River. The Little Colorado River, Kanab Creek and others have contamination postings due to excessive radionuclide contamination.

The transportation of extracted ore will have a negative impact on our roads and highways and increase the level of danger from possible nuclear hazard spillages. The temporary and permanent closing of our roads from accident can create devastating consequences on our economy and the well being of our residents.

We urge you to extend the existing temporary withdrawal affecting new mining on public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon for another twenty years. The socio-economic and health impact of not doing so could be devastating to the lives of our residents and to our local economies.

Respectfully,



Greg Bryan  
Mayor

RESOLUTION 2011-03-2302

A RESOLUTION OF THE TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTING AND URGING SECRETARY OF INTERIOR SALAZAR'S PROPOSAL TO WITHDRAW APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION ACRES OF FEDERAL LANDS SURROUNDING GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK FOR URANIUM MINING FOR 20 YEARS.

WHEREAS on July 20, 2009, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar issued a two year segregation order limiting new mining claims on nearly one million acres of federal public lands surrounding Grand Canyon National Park; and

WHEREAS, since the issuance of the Segregation Order in 2009, the Department of Interior has been evaluating whether to withdraw federal public lands from mining for an additional 20 years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL, COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

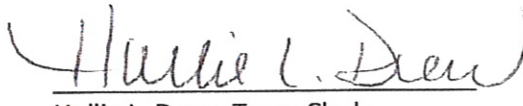
The Tusayan Town Council supports Secretary of Interior Salazar's proposal to withdraw the lands consistent with the current two-year Segregation Order for an additional 20 years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2011.



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Greg Bryan, Mayor

ATTEST



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Hollie L. Drew, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM



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William J Sims, Town Attorney