

# HAVASUPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

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## Resolution No. 22-15

### Regarding Petition for Rulemaking for New Regulations Regarding Mining on Public Lands in Support of the Petition Submitted by Grand Canyon Trust

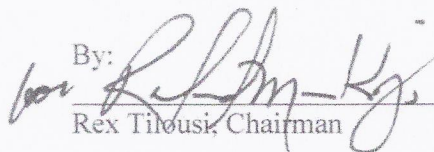
- WHEREAS, The Havasupai Tribe have opposed uranium mining on the Coconino Plateau for decades and have taken and joined numerous lawsuits to protect our homelands and our waters from degradation; and
- WHEREAS, The information and scientific knowledge about the impacts of uranium mining are increasing and the best practices for mining uranium are changing; and
- WHEREAS, Mining operations on the Coconino Plateau that were approved in the 1980's were abandoned by the mining companies that originally started operations, sold, and re-opened by different companies when uranium prices increased; and
- WHEREAS, The Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management do not require new environmental reviews or new or revised Plans of Operations to consider new ownership, new scientific knowledge and improved mining practices; and
- WHEREAS, There is not a time limit on how long a mine may be abandoned without reclaiming the mining site sometimes leaving exposed uranium ore at the site for years; and
- WHEREAS, The gap in regulation that permits abandonment without reclamation of mine sites needs to be acknowledged and fixed by both the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management so that there is cradle-to-grave protections for the people, the wildlife, the land and the water around these "zombie mines; and
- WHEREAS, The Havasupai Tribal Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Havasupai Tribe to join the Petition for Rulemaking for the Promulgation of Amended Regulations Governing Mining on Federal Public Lands in Order to Achieve Compliance with Governing Legal Mandates and Better Protect Human Health and the Environment submitted by Grand Canyon Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council authorizes the Chairman or the Vice Chairman to submit this Resolution to Grand Canyon Trust to be included with the Petition for Rulemaking.


CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution is adopted pursuant to the authority of Article V, Section 1 of the Amended Constitution of the Havasupai Tribe, a federally recognized sovereign Indian Tribe and Article II of the Bylaws of the Havasupai Tribe at the Special Council meeting of the Tribal Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015 by a vote of 4 for; 0 opposed and 0 abstained.

HAVASUPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL:

By:  4/10/2015  
Rex Tilousi, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Tribal Secretary