

HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 43-2017
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
HUALAPAI TRIBE OF THE HUALAPAI INDIAN RESERVATION

(A resolution opposing Canyon Mine and the hauling of uranium ore and other radioactive materials from Canyon Mine to the White Mesa Mill near Blanding, Utah)

- Whereas,** The Hualapai Tribe has opposed uranium mining in the Grand Canyon region for decades, including on our own reservation, having passed a resolution prohibiting uranium mining more than 30 years ago (and reaffirmed in 2009); and,
- Whereas,** Uranium has contaminated the environment, ecosystems, and groundwater in northern Arizona; the pollution is transmitted through seeping rainwater, erosion, evaporation ponds, windblown dust, and insufficient covering of uranium tailings; and,
- Whereas,** Uranium is radioactive and gives off radiation and decay products, including radon gas, which cause cancers, birth defects, and other illnesses; and,
- Whereas,** The people of northern Arizona have been plagued by decades of uranium mining activities, and have suffered illness and serious health effects; and,
- Whereas,** Along haul roads near Churchrock, NM, elevated gamma radiation, radium-226, and uranium in soils were still detectable more than 20 years after mining ceased; and,
- Whereas,** the people of the Hualapai nation travel many of the highways on which uranium ore will be transported, and our families will share Northern Arizona's roads with ore trucks weighing up to 30 tons transporting uranium ore from Canyon Mine to the White Mesa Uranium Mill in Blanding, Utah; and,
- Whereas,** Canyon Mine originally began development during the 1980's and was allowed to restart operations without updated environmental reviews or a revised Plan of Operations; and,
- Whereas,** Canyon Mine operators have begun transporting contaminated water from the mine to the White Mesa Uranium Mill in Blanding, Utah with no notification to the communities that the trucks pass through; and,
- Whereas,** There were no public hearings afforded to the affected peoples who live along the hauling routes; and,

Whereas, Canyon Mine is within the Red Butte Traditional Cultural Property, which must be protected from contamination and desecration; and,

Whereas, The Hualapai Tribe supports the Havasupai Tribe's opposition to Canyon Mine because the US Forest Service failed to complete adequate Tribal Consultation and uranium mining will desecrate their sacred lands, and damage the environment, watershed, and threaten their long-term water supply; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Hualapai Tribe that this Council supports the immediate closure of Canyon Mine and opposes the proposed transport of uranium ore and other radioactive materials from Canyon Mine to the White Mesa uranium mill near Blanding, Utah.

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to:

Heather Provencio
Supervisor of the Kaibab National Forest, USFS

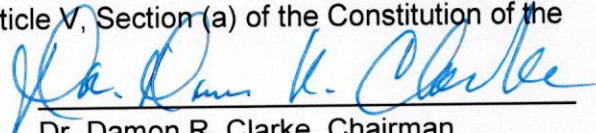
Misael Cabrera
Director of Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Tom O'Halleran
Arizona Congressman District 1

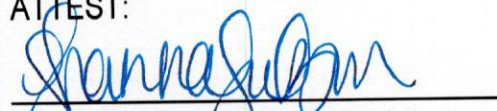
AZ Legislators from Legislative District 7:
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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigning as Chairman of the Hualapai Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Hualapai Tribal Council of the Hualapai Tribe is composed of nine (9) members of whom **eight (8)** constituting a quorum, were present at a **Special Council Meeting** thereof held on this **17th day of May, 2017;** and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of **8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 excused,** pursuant to authority of Article V, Section (a) of the Constitution of the Hualapai Tribe, approved March 13, 1991.


Dr. Damon R. Clarke, Chairman
HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

ATTEST:


Shanna Salazar, Admin. Assistant
HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL