

# Grand Canyon Trust

## Protecting the wild heart of the West



### OUR ROLE

The Colorado Plateau's beauty and solitude are threatened by mining, unsustainable development, poor land use, climate change, and other critical challenges. Our work defends the plateau's land, water, air, plants, and animals.

### OUR STRATEGY

We work on the ground with volunteers, communities, and social entrepreneurs, collaborate with land management agencies on scientific research and good management, and use environmental laws and policies to protect the Colorado Plateau.

### OUR FUTURE

In 100 years we envision a Colorado Plateau characterized by vast open spaces and healthy and restored landscapes, where longtime dwellers and visitors alike are enthusiastic stewards of the region's natural resources and beauty.

### OUR COLORADO PLATEAU

About the size of Finland **130,000 miles<sup>2</sup>**

NATIONAL PARKS, MONUMENTS, AND WILDERNESS AREAS **55**

**15** Native American Tribes  
**24%** of the population

**270** SUNNY DAYS PER YEAR  
make the plateau a solar energy hotspot

**40 million** people depend on water from the Colorado River & its tributaries







## Land

The Colorado Plateau is home to the greatest concentration of national parks, monuments, wilderness areas, and undeveloped land in the continental United States. Through public advocacy and collaborative partnerships, we use innovative science as the bedrock for better on-the-ground management of these special places.



## Energy

The Colorado Plateau is rich in coal, uranium, oil shale, and tar sands, but the continued development of these energy sources is dangerous, irresponsible, and short-sighted, especially in a region rich with sustainable energy potential. Our energy program seeks to reduce and clean up fossil fuel and uranium legacies, and encourages a transition toward harnessing our ample solar and wind resources.



## Native America

Tribal lands of 15 Nations comprise one third of the Colorado Plateau. Tribal communities face political barriers to building resilient local economies as well as a history of socioeconomic challenges. Our Native America program focuses on bringing tribal leaders together to restore traditions and create local, sustainable solutions for communities.



## Water

Colorado Plateau water is a scarce resource and is predicted to become even more so with future climate change. With a cavalcade of competing interests including agriculture, energy development, and municipal use, the Trust works to ensure that each drop is put to its highest use and that some still remains in nature. Water conservation lies at the heart of all of our work.

## GET INVOLVED

Become a member, volunteer, and raise your voice in support of conservation.

Find out more at [www.grandcanyontrust.org](http://www.grandcanyontrust.org).



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