



NATURAL RESOURCES
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TITLE VIII: GRAND CANYON PROTECTION ACT
(GRIJALVA – H.R. 1052)

Supports Local and Tribal Communities, Access to Clean Water, Critical Wildlife Habitat, Recreational Opportunities, and Economic Growth

Summary of the Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act

Title VIII would permanently prohibit new mining claims on approximately 1 million acres of public land surrounding Grand Canyon National Park. This permanent protection would preserve the sole source of drinking water for many tribal communities, protect the Colorado River watershed from mining impacts, and safeguard a national treasure on which local economies depend. There is currently a 20-year moratorium on new mining claims in place, but that could be lifted at any time. This bill would prevent future damage to the region's exceptional resources while protecting tribal communities, local economies, and the region's hydrological resources. At a time when government agencies are coping with the toxic legacy of the hundreds of abandoned mine features that uranium mining companies have failed to clean up, any further contamination would be disastrous for local communities and ecosystems.

Previous iterations of the bill also included a monument designation for the moratorium area, but the current version does not. The legislation has garnered wide-ranging support from tribal leaders, local elected officials, environmental groups, and business owners.

List of Supporters and Endorsing Organizations

Local Governments, and Tribal Governments and Organizations: Havasupai Tribal Council; Hopi Tribal Council; Hualapai Tribal Council; President Jonathan Nez of the Navajo Nation; Coconino County Flagstaff City Council; Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council; Intertribal Association of Arizona; Haul No!; National Congress of American Indians.

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Organizations (59) including: Earthjustice; Grand Canyon Trust; Sierra Club; The Wilderness Society; Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership; Outdoor Industry Association; Arizona Wildlife Federation; Outdoor Alliance; Center for Biological Diversity; The Conservation Alliance; Outdoor Experience for All.

Local Businesses and Faith Leaders (159) including: Flagstaff Lodging, Restaurant & Tourism Association; Cottonwood Hotel; Everything Desert; Fountain Hills Bikes; Kinney Construction Services; Magpies; Steep; West of the Moon; Unity of Flagstaff; Congregation Nefesh Soul; Arizona Interfaith Power and Light Board; Beacon UU Congregation.

Links

- [Medium Post](#): Keep It Grand
- [Grand Canyon Trust Report](#): Uranium Mining in the Grand Canyon Region
- [Bipartisan Poll](#): Grand Canyon National Park and Uranium Mining