

Shut Down Pinyon Plain Uranium Mine Action Tool-Kit

ACTION LINKS:

- Petition: [Protect Grand Canyon's Water, Help Close the Pinyon Plain Uranium Mine | Help Wildlife, Protect the Environment, Support Nature Conservation, Save the Planet \(sierraclub.org\)](#)

CONTACTS:

- **Flagstaff/Northern AZ:**
 - Mattea Goetz: Sierra Club Grand Canyon Program Manager
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 - Interested in joining our email list to learn more about events and volunteer opportunities in this area? Email Mattea and they can add you.
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INVOLVEMENT IDEAS:

1. Stay informed. Research, watch our videos, follow us on social media, and keep up to date with what is happening. And then, tell your friends about it. We need more people talking. Share these videos on your story and with each other. Spread the word far and wide.
2. Feeling a bit more inspired? Consider organizing or supporting an event in your area, such as an informational program, letter-writing action party, or rally, especially if you live along the haul route or in an affected community. Reach out to Mattea at the Sierra Club for more support on organizing. Their contact information can be found above.
3. Not able to support organizing? Be sure to show up for those who do at their events and rallies.
4. Feeling a bit creative? Write letters to the editor, blog, write newsletters, or perhaps host an educational art night.
5. Organize online! Host a webinar or IG live with one of our organizers, empower your online community to take action, create content (or use the pre-written content provided in this kit) and tag us so we can help share your message too.
6. Click the link in our bio to sign our online petition. We have power in numbers.

TALKING POSTS

- Pinyon Plain Uranium Mine threatens the waters of the Grand Canyon and the Havasupai Tribe. The mine, originally named Canyon Mine and now renamed as Pinyon Plain Mine is in the newly designated Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument and the Red Butte Traditional Cultural Property. Recently, after a jump in uranium prices, the mining company started to pull ore from the mine. This mine threatens to pollute the groundwater that feeds the seeps and springs in the Grand Canyon that support plants, animals, and people.
- Pinyon Plain mine was established and grandfathered in under the provisions of the 1872 mining law when the new monument was designated, despite the monument protecting the lands from future mining.
- Tribal nations and environmental organizations have been fighting against this mine for decades long before mining began, and for some, before it was approved. It's important to note that the Havasupai Tribe, whose traditional lands this is all happening on, has been challenging the mine since the 1980s
- Energy Fuels, the company that owns Pinyon Plain Uranium Mine, is planning on transporting ore over 300 miles through northern AZ and the Navajo Nation to the White Mesa Mill in Blanding UT. There is a documented history of spills and inadequate clean ups along the route adjacent to communities. [Read more about this and the group's concerns here.](#)
- When this mine was initially permitted, the company claimed that the mine would not pierce the permeable rock that holds groundwater below the surface, the aquifers connected to this region's drinking water. However, after drilling, Energy Fuels hit the upper aquifer and now each year millions of gallons of water are pouring into the mine and must be pumped out into an evaporation pond where wildlife are exposed to it. Read more about the recent hydrology reports here: [A new look at Grand Canyon springs and possible threats from uranium mining: UNM Newsroom](#)
- There are hundreds of abandoned and uncleaned uranium mines across reservations in the Southwest, over 500 are within the Navajo Nation alone. Studies indicate that between 1969-1992 Dine uranium miners had a lung cancer rate about 29 times that of non-mining community members. These reports are devastating, and clearly show us that not only is nuclear energy a non-renewable resource, but it causes more harm than

good. In addition to the disastrous health effects it has, It produces a highly toxic radioactive waste that takes thousands of years to be safe for humans to be around.

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS:

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- In January, a uranium mine started mining ore inside a new national monument, threatening the waters of the Grand Canyon and the Havasupai Tribe.

Join Tribal leaders and community advocates in calling for an end to this potentially disastrous mining. Sign on to shut down Pinyon Plain Mine:
bit.ly/PinyonPlainMine

- Pinyon Plain mine threatens to pollute the groundwater that feeds the seeps and springs in Grand Canyon that support plants, animals, and people.

President Biden's monument designation banned new mining claims but exempts pre existing claims like the one for Pinyon Plain. Help us shut down this mine to protect the Grand Canyon for good: bit.ly/PinyonPlainMine

- A uranium mine is threatening the groundwater of the Havasupai and Grand Canyon! Learn more about Pinyon Plain mine and what you can do to help defend these sacred lands: bit.ly/PinyonPlainMine
- The people, plants, and animals of the Grand Canyon area need your help! Uranium mining is threatening to pollute the water that feeds the seeps of the sacred lands in Havasupai land. With your help, our collective voice can end this potentially disastrous uranium mining and protect Grand Canyon waters: bit.ly/PinyonPlainMine
- The Pinyon Plain Uranium Mine is endangering the Grand Canyon's waters and the Havasupai Tribe. Despite bans on new mining, old claims persist. Let's urge @GovHobbs and @POTUS to close this mine!

Longer Text:

Urgent Call to Action: Protect Grand Canyon Waters In January, a uranium mine started extracting ore within the new Grand Canyon National Monument, posing a significant threat to the waters of the Grand Canyon and the Havasupai Tribe. Although President Biden's monument designation bans new mining claims, Pinyon Plain Uranium Mine operates on a preexisting claim. Join us and Tribal leaders in urging Governor Hobbs and President Biden to close this potentially disastrous mine. Our collective voice can make a difference!
bit.ly/PinyonPlainMine

Protect Sacred Lands and Waters The Pinyon Plain Uranium Mine, located just 7 miles south of Grand Canyon National Park, is threatening the vital water sources that support the Grand Canyon's ecosystem and the Havasupai Tribe. Despite decades of opposition, mining has begun, risking irreversible contamination. Join us in urging the closure of this mine:
bit.ly/PinyonPlainMine

Join the Movement: Save the Grand Canyon The Havasupai, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute, Hopi, and many other Tribes have long opposed the Pinyon Plain Uranium Mine. Now, mining has started, threatening to pollute the Grand Canyon's groundwater. Join us and Indigenous leaders in demanding the closure of this mine to protect our sacred lands and water sources. Add your voice: bit.ly/PinyonPlainMine

Background information:

- [Pinyon Plain Uranium Mine Threatens Grand Canyon! Water, Wildlife, and Cultural Resources At Risk](#)
- [Why Pinyon Plain Mine \(formerly Canyon Mine\) is a Danger to Grand Canyon and the Havasupai Tribe](#)
- [Threats to the Waters of Grand Canyon - Science Panel](#) Youtube video