

**HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION NO. 36-2015  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
HUALAPAI TRIBE OF THE HUALAPAI RESERVATION**

**Support for Petition for Rulemaking for New Regulations Regarding Mining  
On Public Lands Submitted by Grand Canyon Trust**

**WHEREAS**, the Hualapai Tribe has opposed uranium mining in the Grand Canyon Region for decades, including on their own reservation, having passed a resolution prohibiting uranium mining more than 30 years ago (and reaffirmed in 2009),

**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 in the Grand Canyon Region that were approved in the 1980s 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, or improved mining practices; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no 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 Agencies' existing mining rules, especially as they pertain to inoperative mines, do not satisfy governing mandates and do not sufficiently protect human health, the health of wildlife and plant communities, the land, and the overall environment; 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 Hualapai Tribal Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Hualapai 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;

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned 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 8 constituting a quorum were present at a **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING** thereof held on this 27th day of May 2015; and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a **vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 not voting, 1 excused** pursuant to authority of Article V, Section (a) of the Constitution of the Hualapai Tribe approved March 13, 1991.

  
Sherry J. Counts, Chairwoman  
Hualapai Tribal Council

**ATTEST:**

  
Christine Lee, Secretary  
Hualapai Tribal Council