

REN-19-001: Oppose Mining on Public Lands and Around the Grand Canyon without Tribal Nations' Free Prior and Informed Consent

Sponsor: Havasupai Tribe and Inter-Tribal Association of Arizona

Summary:

- The Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act proposes to withdraw lands located around the Grand Canyon from mineral leasing.
- REN-19-001 directs NCAI to support the Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act to ban mining activities on federal lands that impact tribal natural and cultural resources unless tribal nations have given their free, prior and informed consent.

Issue:

During the 116th Congress, Representative Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ) introduced H.R. 1373, the Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act. This Act proposes to withdraw federal lands located around the Grand Canyon from mineral leasing because they are rich in uranium deposits and tribal cultural resources.

Action:

Resolution REN-19-001 directs NCAI to support the Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act.

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Resolution Action Plan: REN-19-001

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Action Plan:

- 30 Days:
 - Research and familiarize oneself with resolution subject area.
 - Contact resolution sponsor to coordinate requested assistance.
 - Assess opportunities for cross-coordination with other tribal organizations on the issue identified in the resolution.
- 60 Days:
 - Prepare written materials supporting the passage of the legislation.
 - Hill visits to support passage of the legislation.
- 90 Days:
 - Continue tracking the bill and assessing opportunities for advocacy.
- 120 Days:
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 - Prepare activities update for NCAI Mid Year Conference.