

Magazine reports Arizona wonders in danger

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From the canyons to the rivers, **Arizona** is full of natural wonders. For many, it's a major reason to call our state home. However, a new report in the "Arizona Highways" magazine shows these areas are in danger. The Verde River, for example, is facing possible loss of water from development. And then there's Fossil Creek.

Michelle Harrington, with the Center for Biological Diversity, said, "They have been restoring the creek, getting native fish back in there. But at the same time people have been coming in and not really working the ethic of leave no trace."

And renewed interest in uranium mining near the **Grand Canyon** frightens many nature lovers like David Martin. Martin said, "It's really unfortunate and it's a sad reflection of the times."

Conservation groups are trying to work with **community** leaders to protect these places. Meanwhile, "Arizona Highways" hopes to raise awareness among all Arizonans.

Peter Ensenberger, the magazine's director of photography, said, "Our hope is this

issue, this story will stimulate a lot people, photographers, writers, and citizens to get active."

The magazine named 12 places they felt were in danger of being lost.