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## Opposition Builds To Uranium Drilling Near Grand Canyon

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Amining company has won approval for exploratory drilling south of the Grand Canyon, but pressure is growing to try to stop it.

Vane Minerals expects to drill at 7 sites in the Tusayan Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

The U.S. Forest Service granted Vane Minerals permission for the drilling under the terms of the 1872 Mining Law, which allows mineral exploration and development on public lands in keeping with the Forest Service's multiple-use mandate.

Environmentalists claim no studies were done to gauge the environmental impact.

The Coconino County board of supervisors has voted to ask Congress to put most of the federal lands out of the miners' reach.