



Havasupai join suit on uranium mine ban

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The Havasupai Tribe has joined a lawsuit testing the legality of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's January move to put about 1 million acres of federal lands north and south of the Grand Canyon off-limits to uranium mining.

The tribe is asking a U.S. district court in Arizona to find the prohibitions on new mining are legal. It is joined by the Grand Canyon Trust, Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, and the National Parks Conservation Association.

On the other side of the issue are mining companies and the original plaintiff.

Chino Valley resident Gregory Yount is a uranium prospector who filed suit on the issue earlier this year, stating the environmental analysis Salazar used to make his claims was incomplete, and biased by opinions from Salazar.