

TOWN OF TUSAYAN, ARIZONA

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TUSAYAN, OPPOSING THE CREATION OF THE PROPOSED GRAND CANYON WATERSHED NATIONAL MONUMENT

WHEREAS, Representatives of the State of Arizona have made a request to President Obama to declare certain lands to be the Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument pursuant to the President's authority under the Antiquities Act.

WHEREAS, the creation of a National Monument by Presidential Declaration does not allow for input from local communities that may be impacted by the creation of a National Monument, and no input has been requested from local communities prior to the submission of the letter requesting Monument Designation; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a National Monument without local input could result in negative impacts on the local uses of Federal lands such as: access for grazing, hunting, water development, and forest restoration, which would result in negative economic and public health impacts to the Town of Tusayan; and

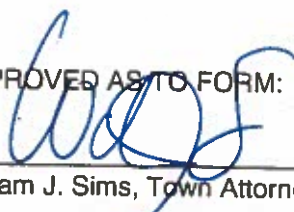
WHEREAS, The National Park System currently has an approximately twelve billion dollar maintenance backlog, with the Grand Canyon National Park maintenance backlog estimated to be four hundred million dollars. The Federal Government should not take further obligations for public lands when the current obligations are not funded; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Tusayan have expressed opposition to the proposed Monument Designation due to the negative economic and recreational impacts.

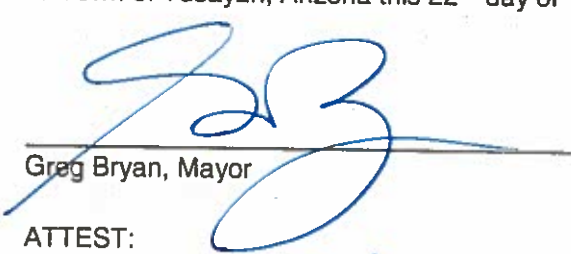
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TUSAYAN, COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, THAT THE TOWN OF TUSAYAN STRONGLY OPPOSES THE DESIGNATION OF A GRAND CANYON WATERSHED NATIONAL MONUMENT IN LANDS SURROUNDING THE GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, WHICH LOCKS AWAY 1.7 MILLION ACRES OF LAND IN NORTHERN ARIZONA WITHOUT REGARD TO THE IMPACTS ON NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Tusayan, Arizona this 22nd day of April 2015.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:




William J. Sims, Town Attorney



Greg Bryan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk