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Statement from the Havasupai Tribe Regarding Energy Fuels Hauling Uranium Ore

Today, Pinyon Plain Mine owners have strategically taken steps to attack the sovereignty of the Havasupai Tribe and neighboring Tribes. Despite our continuous opposition, Energy Fuels Resources, Inc. has once again acted in its own self-serving interest by beginning to haul uranium ore on public roads, through our ancestral lands and into the Navajo Nation.

This morning, the Havasupai Tribal Council was notified by the U.S. Forest Service that EFRI had commenced the hauling of uranium ore from the mine site to a processing mill in Blanding, Utah near the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation.

Months ago, EFRI promised to provide the Havasupai Tribe, neighboring Tribes, the U.S. Forest Service and other stakeholders two weeks' notice prior to starting to haul the uranium ore to the processing mill in Utah. The Havasupai Tribe and other stakeholders relied on this good faith promise from EFRI in order to provide notice to its own tribal members and other interested parties for their own protection. EFRI blatantly disregarded its good faith promise and notified the U.S. Forest Service hours after the haul trucks departed the mine site. EFRI has confirmed by its actions today that it cannot be trusted.

Since EFRI started mining uranium in December 2023, the Tribe has been forced to witness the degradation of our aboriginal territory that encompasses the mine site. Our Tribe remains well versed with the wide array of health risks associated with radioactive contamination. Our purpose of opposing uranium mining remains for the protection of our drinking water and the health and safety of our Tribal members and tourists who visit our reservation.

The Havasupai Tribe does not stand alone in our fight against uranium mining and we will continue to offer our support to the Navajo Nation, who was forced to deploy its law enforcement for the protection of its tribal members living along the haul route.

Today's events send a message that EFRI is willing to risk the health and safety of Havasupai tribal members, Navajo tribal members and citizens of the State of Arizona.

The Havasupai Tribe strongly condemns EFRI's actions, and we will continue to fight against both the mining and transportation of uranium anywhere within our aboriginal territory.

We call upon President Biden, the Department of the Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Agriculture - U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Arizona Senator Mark Kelly, Congressman Raul Grijalva, Congressman Ruben Gallego, Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs, and Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes to stand with the Havasupai Tribe and other tribes who are impacted by today's events. We need your support more than ever as our native people are continually targets of environmental fallouts with no regard to our families and way of life.

We, the Havasupai Tribe, will not back down from our role as Guardians of the Grand Canyon in order to protect our people and all others affected by this toxic poison. We stand firm with our allies against EFRI and its empty promises.