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County continues opposition to new Grand Canyon monument

By BRANDON MESSICK

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Mohave County officials are still urging federal officials to redraw the boundaries of a new national monument encompassing the Grand

It's been two years since former President Joe Biden designated almost 1 million acres of land encompassing Coconino and Mohave Counties as a new national monument. Now, Mohave County officials are appealing to the Trump Administration to shift the monument's boundaries and allow

for uranium mining west of the Grand Canyon.

For local officials, the goal is reclaiming considerable swaths of land west of the Grand Canyon, which would have provided valuable mining opportunities to Mohave County, which were seized two years ago by the federal government. For neighboring Coconino County — home to about 38,000 Native American residents — it's about protecting more than 1,000 cultural and historical sites encompassed by the new Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni National Monument's boundaries. Now local representatives are engaging the Trump Administration in an effort to remove Mohave County land from those boundaries — and from an umbrella of federal protection that Mohave County officials say may be unnecessary.

The monument encompasses 917,618 acres of desert landscape surrounding the Grand Canyon, 186,000 of which lie in Mohave County. That land is now under federal protection, after a concentrated effort by officials from 13 Southwestern tribes including the Havasupai, Hopi, Hualapai,

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Stephanie Smith/Grand Canyon Trust

This map, courtesy of the Grand Canyon Trust, shows the three distinct areas that make up the new national monument.

2025 MOHAVE COUNTY FAIR | LIVESTOCK AUCTION AND 4-H



Faith Campa with her award-winning steer which sold to the Hualapai tribe for roughly \$12,000.

IARD WORK PAYS OFF

By REPORTER

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Mohave Fair means something different to FFA and 4-H members who spend all year working towards an event that signifies a culmination of hard work and dedication to their livestock.

FFA - Future Farmers of America - and 4H are organizations that focus on teaching local youth about the world of agriculture and livestock. They do this by providing edu-

cational resources, and hands on learning experience to members of their groups.

Members of 4H and FFA ave the chance to learn ethical, environmentally safe, and responsible farming practices beginning with the process of raising and caring for an animal and continuing all the

way through market practices. FFA and 4-H members bring their livestock to the fair where they are judged

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Eli Hambrick walking his swine around the pen while supporters in the crowd began to place their bids.

Elections Director: Proposed ballot paper would cause major delays

By BILL McMILLEN **RIVER CITY NEWSPAPERS**

In an attempt to bolster voter confidence, the Mohave County Board of Supervisors wants the Elections Department to move forward with anti-counterfeit measures on ballots for future elections.

Elections Director Allen Tempert, elections department staff members Karina Sumner and Amy Mitchell and Recorder Lydia Henry gave an elections security presentation at Monday's supervisors meeting in Kingman.

Tempert, who maintains that counterfeit ballots have never been an issue and, as long as he is director never will be, said he wants to find something that provides both efficiency and accuracy in the process.

"I just want them to be efficient and want them to be correct," Tempert said during a presentation on election security at Monday's supervisors meeting in Kingman. "That's the only thing I care about in the whole world with tabulation is those two factors."

Toward that end, the elections department recently tested newly designed Ballot Guard paper developed by Runbeck Election Services, the county's contracted provider. Tempert said the paper, with several security measures embedded — not printed — produced a number of "multi-feed errors and pick errors" that affected the efficiency but not the accuracy. Those security measures aren't visible to the naked eye but can be revealed with equipment and inspection from the elections department.

Tempert said the texture of the paper wasn't compatible with the county's tabulation equipment and caused "a really long delay in the process." He said ballots jammed, stopping the process and requiring

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Chip sealing underway throughout Kingman

By OLIVIA TOBIAS KINGMAN MINER

Starting this week, residents should be ready for delays and practice caution in certain areas as Kingman's Public Work Department begins chip sealing roughly 100 miles worth of city roads.

Chip sealing work kicked off on Monday this week in Kingman's Residential District Two, which encompasses multiple streets between Burbank Street and Sunshine Drive. Most of District Two received treatment last year, and with just a few roads left to hit in 2025. Work crews will begin on Castle Rock Drive at Gordon Drive

to Andy Devine Avenue. Crews will then begin sealing the final areas of District Two. Chip sealing in District Two is estimated to take about a week to complete.

Once work crews have finished in District Two, they will move to District Three - which is estimated to begin around Sept. 24. District Three encompasses Andy Devine Avenue through County Club Drive, and I-40 to Stockton Hill Road. District Three is estimated to be completed 30 days from the time work begins.

According to city staff, the increased amount of time it will take to complete chip sealing in District

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Work crews are currently wrapping up chip seal work in Residential District 2, and are expected to move on to District 3 around Sept. 24.

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