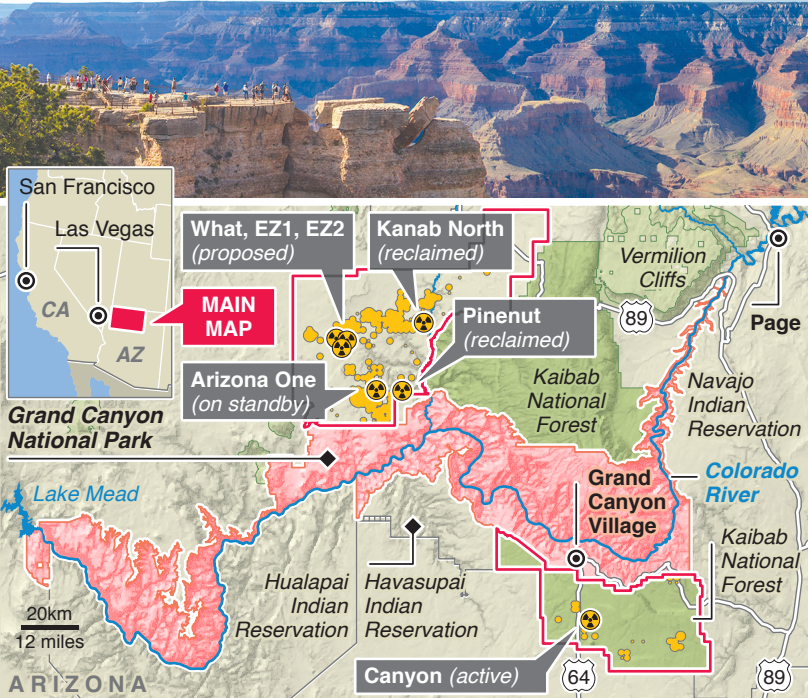


Radioactive waste threat to Grand Canyon

As the Grand Canyon National Park marks its centenary, it is fighting to prevent nearby lands from contamination by new uranium mining. A 20-year ban on mining remains in force, but is under review



- ☢ Uranium mine
- Active uranium mining claim
- Mining withdrawal areas (effective Jan 21, 2012 – Jan 20, 2032)

Feb 26, 1919:

President **Woodrow Wilson** establishes **Grand Canyon National Park**



1950: Uranium found in Orphan copper mine near Grand Canyon Village

1950s-70s: Uranium mined around Grand Canyon for use in nuclear weapons

2006: Mining claims start to rise as uranium prices go up

2007: Campaigning begins to stop uranium mining in area of national park

2012: Secretary of the Interior isolates 407,334 hectares of land around Grand Canyon – protecting it from mining for 20 years

2018: **President Trump** under pressure to lift ban in effort to reduce imports of “critical minerals” present in U.S.