Dear USET SPF Board of Directors and DC Tribal Reps,

Please see the **below** communication from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's public relations department. The communication requests that Tribal Nations join Standing Rock in advocating for the denial of an easement by the Army Corps of Engineers which would allow the Dakota Access Pipeline to drill under Lake Oahe, a Tribal sacred site. In an attached press release [linked], Standing Rock Chairman, David Archambault II, thanks supporters and asks that they contact Members of Congress and the Obama Administration in opposition to the easement.

For Tribal Nation use, Standing Rock also provides a template letter [linked] addressed to President Obama, White House Chief of Staff, Denis McDonough, and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Should you have any questions on the below or attachments, please contact:
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Thank you,
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From: Public Relations [mailto:PUBLICRELATIONS@standingrock.org]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2016 11:35 AM
Subject: Call for Support - Stand with Standing Rock
Importance: High

Call for Support – Stand with Standing Rock

You can support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in its fight to protect its waters and sacred places by contacting your members of Congress and the Administration to oppose the easement from the Army Corps of Engineers:

Do not allow the Army Corps to grant Dakota Access Pipeline an easement to drill under Lake Oahe until the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's waters and sacred places are protected.

1. Call or Email your Congressional Representative or Senator.

To find your Congressional Representative click here.

2. Call or Email Denis McDonough, Chief of Staff to the President and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of Army Corp of Engineers:

Denis McDonough, Chief of Staff to the President
dmcos@who.eop.gov
(202) 456-3182

Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of Army Corp of Engineers
joellen.darcy@us.army.mil
(703)697-8986

Background Information

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has been locked in a legal battle to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline from impacting it's cultural, water, and natural resources. The Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) is a 1,168-mile long crude oil pipeline that will transport nearly 570,000 barrels of oil each day from North Dakota to Illinois. The Army Corps of Engineers green-lighted several sections of the process without fully satisfying the National Historic Preservation Act, various environmental statutes, and its trust responsibility to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

This is another chapter in the long history of the federal government granting the construction of potentially hazardous projects near or through tribal lands, waters, and cultural places without including the tribe. The current proposed pipeline route crosses under Lake Oahe, just a half mile up from the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

While the Tribe is waiting for a federal court decision on a preliminary injunction to stop the pipeline construction, the pipeline company is waiting for the Army Corps of Engineers to grant an easement to drill under Lake Oahe. The Army Corps of Engineers, the White House, and Congress must halt the easement because the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's waters and sacred places must be protected.

Suggested Email language

RE: Stop the Dakota Access Pipeline

I am writing to you today to voice my opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline. I support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and other communities in their fight against this dangerous and destructive pipeline.

Oil pipelines break, spill and leak—it's not a question of if, it's a question of where and when. But the Army Corps never took a hard look at the impacts of an oil spill on the Tribe, as the law requires. Yet a route close to Bismarck was deemed not viable due to the proximity to Bismarck, and the fact that the route crossed through or in close proximity to several wellhead source water protection areas, including areas that contribute water to municipal water supply wells.

So now, the pipeline would run through land that is sacred to the Tribe. The law requires that sacred places be protected in consultation with the Tribe, but the Corps has not complied with that requirement, either.

Please don't rush the Dakota Access Pipeline—the Corps must carefully consider all of the impacts to the Tribe before issuing any approvals. **Do not allow the Army Corps to grant Dakota Access an easement** - the Tribe's sacred lands and resources must be protected.

From: Liz Malerba
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 5:01 PM
To: Kitcki Carroll; Wanda Janes; Brandy Venuti; Melisa Stephens
Subject: Update: USET SPF Alert: Support Standing Rock

Dear USET SPF Board of Directors and DC Tribal Reps,

For your awareness, we provide the attached USET letter of support for Standing Rock, which was hand-delivered to Standing Rock Chairman, David Archambault, along with some financial support, earlier today.

As always, I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,
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From: Liz Malerba
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 3:15 PM
To: Kitcki Carroll; Wanda Janes; Brandy Venuti; Melisa Stephens
Subject: Additional Info: USET SPF Alert: Support Standing Rock

Dear USET SPF Board of Directors and DC Tribal Reps,

We have received additional information and updates since this morning's communication.

First, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association (GPTCA) has provided examples of resolutions Tribal Nations can pass to show their support:

- GPTCA Resolution
- Oneida Nation of WI Resolution

From GPTCA Executive Director, Gay Kingman: "Funds are needed as well as supplies such as water, sleeping bags, food, bug spray, etc. The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe is very close to SRST and they are assisting with Porta Potties etc. but the people has grown to thousands and the need is great."

Ms. Kingman also provided an article [linked] detailing conditions at the encampment, including the removal of water tanks by the state of North Dakota.

If your Tribal Nation would like to contribute to the effort, please visit Standing Rock's website [linked]. Donations and contributions can also be sent to the following address: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Financial Office, 24340 U.S/ Hwy. 212, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, 57625

Finally, USET SPF President, Brian Patterson, is en route to the campsite and a formal invitation to meet with Tribal and other leaders has been extended to him.

Again, we will provide additional updates and information as they are received.

All the best,
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From: Liz Malerba
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 10:29 AM

To: Kitcki Carroll; Wanda Janes; Brandy Venuti; Melisa Stephens
Subject: USET SPF Alert: Support Standing Rock

Dear USET SPF Board of Directors and DC Tribal Reps,

In support of our brothers and sisters in the Great Plains, we pass along the information below regarding opportunities to assist Standing Rock citizens and other protesters in the fight to protect their sacred sites, public health, and the environment. We have also reached out to the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association for further updates and will continue to provide information as it is received.

In addition, please note that the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation has filed a motion for a preliminary injunction which would force the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw approval of the Dakota Access Pipeline Project. The DC District will hear arguments on this motion tomorrow afternoon.

As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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From: Denise Desiderio [mailto:ddesiderio@NCAI.org]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2016 7:20 PM
To: Jacqueline Pata
Cc: NCAI Leg Staff
Subject: NCAI ACTION ALERT - STAND WITH STANDING ROCK

Everyone: we have received a number of inquiries about how tribal governments and individuals can support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's efforts to halt the Dakota Access Pipeline. NCAI sent out an action alert to members today with relevant information on how to assist through tribal resolutions and letters of support and donations. The information is below. Please feel free to share with your tribal clients. We will continue to provide updates as this issue progresses through the courts

STAND WITH STANDING ROCK - HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is fighting to protect their tribal water rights and natural resources by opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). If the DAPL proceeds, it could have permanent impacts to cultural places, water sources, and the environment. Pipeline projects, and the risks associated with pipeline ruptures, can irreparably harm the Tribe's only source of water for generations to come. Standing Rock is calling for the Army Corps of Engineers to halt this pipeline and initiate an Administrative process that includes with full tribal input and consultation so that the Tribe's environmental justice and water concerns can be addressed.

This issue impacts not only the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe but all of Indian Country. That is why dozens of tribes and over 2,000 supporters from all across Indian Country have come together to support the Tribe in this effort.

There are ways you can help support Standing Rock in its fight to protect its land, water, and natural resources:

1) Tribal Resolutions or Letters of Support:

Send tribal resolutions or letters in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to Steve Sitting Bear atssittingbear@standingrock.org.

2) Donate to Standing Rock:

The Tribe is accepting donations from tribal governments and individuals to help offset the costs associated with this effort. Please visit http://goo.gl/UxY9Tx to make a donation via PayPal or make a donation via your personal PayPal account using dapl@standingrock.org.

For more information, please contact Denise Desiderio, Policy Director, at ddesiderio@ncai.org or Colby Duren, Staff Attorney & Legislative Counsel, at cduren@ncai.org.

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