

BREAKING NEWS

In a victory for protesters,
the Army Corps of Engineers
says it will look for
alternative routes for the
Dakota Access pipeline

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The Army Corps of Engineers announced on Sunday that it would not approve permits for construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline beneath a dammed section of the Missouri River that tribes say sits near sacred burial sites.

In a statement on Sunday, the Army's Assistant secretary for civil works, Jo-Ellen Darcy, said that the decision was based on a need to explore alternate routes for the pipeline crossing.

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Dakota Access Pipeline Will Not Pass Through Standing Rock Reservation, Army Decides
BuzzFeed News **The protesters win. [Read the full story](#)**

History made! The Obama administration just announced that it will not grant the final easement for the Dakota Access Pipeline! Instead, the Army Corps of Engineers will conduct an environmental review and explore alternate routes for the project, away from the Missouri River crossing which would impact Tribal land and cultural resources.

[Take action: Thank the Obama administration for listening to the Water Protectors' call for an environmental review of the Dakota Access Pipeline.](#)

Under this announcement, Energy Transfer Partners must stop construction of the pipeline on the Standing Rock Sioux's ancestral homelands until an environmental review has been conducted that includes public input.

The fight to reject the Dakota Access Pipeline isn't over and we aren't going to back down until this pipeline is rejected once and for all, but **the administration's announcement today ensures Energy Transfer Partners can't continue its assault on the Standing Rock Sioux's ancestral homelands.** This couldn't have happened without the Standing Rock Sioux and the Water Protectors standing up for what's right and solidarity from millions of Americans. Sierra Club supporters like you made an *unprecedented 20,000 calls and sent 115,000 letters to the White House last month alone* on this issue.

Over the past few months, thousands of people and hundreds of Tribes from around the world have traveled to North Dakota to peacefully support the Standing Rock Sioux and oppose this dangerous pipeline. Their prayers and songs were increasingly met by a militarized police force using dogs, water cannons, rubber bullets, pepper spray, concussion grenades, and other tactics designed to intimidate, antagonize and invoke fear. This weekend more than 2,000 veterans traveled to the camps to show their support for Standing Rock and serve as self-proclaimed "human shields."

History has taught us that it's never a question whether a pipeline will spill, rather a question of when, and a comprehensive environmental review will show that this dirty and dangerous project will threaten the safety of every community it cuts through. The 1,168-mile Dakota Access Pipeline, if completed, would carry 450,000 barrels of fracked oil every day through four states. It would cut through communities, farms, sensitive natural areas, wildlife habitat, and tribal lands like the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's ancestral lands. It would also cross under the Missouri River just upstream of the Tribe's drinking water supply, where a spill would mean a serious threat to the Tribe's health, culture, and way of life.

[Thank President Obama for hearing the calls of the Standing Rock Sioux and conducting an environmental review of Dakota Access Pipeline.](#)

Thank you for showing your support, Lena Moffitt, Director, Sierra Club Beyond Dirty Fuels Campaign

As you know, these Journal pages have been filled with more and more news from Standing Rock each day. While certainly the most important story of the century, I was planning to do a “Sunday” special to publish all the back articles I have in anticipation of a new phase setting in On December 5.

Today’s news, while bringing tears, does not mean it s over.

The country - and the world - have learned a lesson in American history and US tribal-government relations.

Standing Rock is only one of many issues of environmental justice that have been thwarted or placed on the backs of minority communities when the opponent has an edge in the system. To Dave Archambault II and all the protectors that came to camp go kudos for standing tall, peaceful and resolute. Creating the camps and ensuring participant safety as well as spiritual protection for such large numbers is no easy job. May the example and pattern be repeated. To journalists who reported, videoed and broadcast, once the veil had been pierced, the world was ready to listen and learn. Great job and keep it up! The images and words told the story. To all the veterans making the journey to circle the protectors on December 5 who showed what a real warrior does - protect the homeland, I hope those still feeling conflicted by wars fought overseas are now feeling justified and serene.

It is not over. Anyone who thinks so is naive and ill-informed. Tribes must inventory their legal status and educate younger members of the history, how’s and why’s of each unique feature of their homeland. Tribal members and non-members must follow all the legal and economic machinations that are sure to follow.

*I will continue to include articles as they appear, but in the meantime, here’s some “catch up”.
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Deserving of a Pulitzer.

Barbarians At The Gate.



Just. Wow.

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“As I have publicly stated, I am asking you, as a tribal leader, to encourage members of your tribe, as well as any non-members who support you who are located in the encampments north of the Cannonball River on Corps’ lands to immediately and peacefully move to the free speech zone south of the Cannonball River or to a more sustainable location for the winter. I am genuinely concerned for the safety and well-being of both the members of your tribe and the general public located at these encampments.” — Col. John Henderson, Army Corps of Engineers Omaha district commander, in [a letter to Standing Rock Sioux chairman Dave Archambault II](#) informing him that a Dakota Access protest camp on federal land will be closed by December 5.

Dakota Access Update

The Army Corps of Engineers indicated that it will close a Dakota Access pipeline protest camp that is on federal land. The Corps wants protestors at the Oceti Sakowin camp north of the Cannonball River to move to a “[free speech zone](#)” south of the river that is also on federal land.

Anyone at the camp north of the Cannonball River after December “will be considered trespassing” and subject to prosecution, according to a [Thanksgiving Day letter from Corps leadership to the chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux](#). Any person remaining on the land “does so at their own risk” and “assumes any and all liabilities for their unlawful presence and occupation of such lands,” the letter continues.

Col. John Henderson, the Army Corps Omaha district commander, gave several reasons for removing protesters: inadequate emergency services and facilities for the North Dakota winter; the presence of grazers who lease most of the land; and the desire “to protect the general public from violent confrontations” between protesters and police.

Standing Rock Sioux chairman Dave Archambault II rebutted the order by offering another way that the U.S. government could protect the general public: by rejecting the pipeline.

“The best way to protect people during the winter, and reduce the risk of conflict between water protectors and militarized police, is to deny the easement for the Oahe crossing, and deny it now,” Archambault [wrote in a statement](#).

Spectacular: [Bucky Harjo](#) added **41 new photos** to the album: [Collection of photos in Black and White](#) — with [Colleen Campbell](#) and [Delwin Fiddler](#)

While healing in the camp and staying up late I processed some photos into black and white and took some interesting shots inside the tent. Love the darkness of light.

[Fake Cowboys and Real Indians](#)

As Western standoffs go, the Bundy brothers episode featured comic book cowboys. But for the Standing Rock Sioux, a pipeline is an existential threat. [nytimes.com](#) By Timothy Egan

[Marc Ash I War Has Broken Out in North Dakota](#)

**Standing Rock visitor By [Kris Vagner](#) This article was published on [12.01.16](#).
news&review**

Mason Needham is an arborist from Reno. In November, he made a 10-day trip to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota, where protesters have been camped since August in opposition to the 1,170-mile Dakota Access Pipeline, which they fear will pollute the Missouri River and threaten native burial grounds.

What inspired you to go to Standing Rock?

What inspired me to go was a real curiosity about what I had seen on the internet, and I wasn't sure if I was getting the whole story. I was actually pretty sure I wasn't getting the whole story, but I didn't know which direction the spin was towards.

What did you witness that helped to inform your perspective?

What I immediately noticed was banners and signs from the outside, from literally nations all over the world, and they were saying, "We support the people of Standing Rock," ... people from, like, the Amazon Basin. ... As well as large banners that say "We are unarmed" surrounding the entire camp. So to see the media spin it with a neutral stance, saying things like, "The protest became violent today" ... Well, violence is happening, and it's not coming from the side of the indigenous people. Their main objective is they're a peaceful camp of prayer and ceremony, and they adhere very strictly to that, and to the outsiders, either adhere to that or you're not welcome.

Did you see any violence yourself?

I did. It was the Morton County Sheriff's Department.

What happened?

We were at a demonstration. ... On our way to this government building, we were to walk over a train track, and there was probably 30 to 50 SWAT-gear-clad officers that stopped us at the train tracks. ... And so we kind of formed a lineup in front of them and surrounded the elders and the people praying and singing, playing the hand drum, sort of to protect them, with non-indigenous people around the outside. After about 30 minutes of praying they were continuously telling us to disperse. We began backing up, and they began pushing forward, and as soon as there was movement between those two lines, they began just grabbing people.

What else did you do there?

Most of the time helping out in the camp, doing things like helping people build structures or winterize their living situations. I split a lot of wood. There was a lot of wood being dropped off. We had three double semi-trailers of wood come in and drop off wood from New York. ... I brought a bunch of files to sharpen chainsaws, and pretty much would go around and offer to sharpen people's tools and split wood. That kind of thing is really needed there. ... There were eight very large kitchens. Food was being dropped off all over the place by the truckload.

Tell me more about the camp.

The camp is a very inclusive community. The only sound I heard the entire time I was there was traditional native singing and drumming ... and their prayer, starting from sunrise to well past sundown. Every fire is sacred. You don't throw your paper plate or anything like that into the fire. It's a very sacred space.

Was it easy enough to figure out once you got there what the rules were and how you were expected to help?

Not really. ... I thought I knew, but I had no idea. There is a newcomer orientation class that they give. It's about three hours long.

The Church and the Dakota pipeline protests; Standing Rock is a new turn in Christian ties with native Americans Nov 27th 2016, 15:33 by ERASMUS

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/erasmus/2016/11/church-and-dakota-pipeline-protests>

<http://www.counterpunch.org/2016/12/01/fighting-for-indigenous-rights-from-the-un-to-yaqui-territory-and-standing-rock/>



How economics are driving the Dakota Access Pipeline
JONATHAN THOMPSON

Jane FondaMy Visit To Standing Rock - <http://time.com/4587314/jane-fonda-standing-rock/>

Jane Fonda: Standing Rock Is Greed Vs. Humanity's Future

We must rapidly cure ourselves of this disease or it will take us all down time.com

Ruth Hopkins on Twitter

“Faces of Standing Rock. Ryker, age 6, NE. "I came here with my parents to cheer for the native people." #NoDAPL”
twitter.com/By Ruth Hopkins





**CNN is at Oceti Sakowin
Sacred Camp to cover
Veterans' arrival**

First images from veterans:
Veterans marching to the bridge on
the front lines right now. CNN has
officially set up with a satellite
truck on location to give daily

reports...

whitewolfpack.com | By White Wolf

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Camp is the main
camp of 6,000+

people, has united with the Southwest Construction Team to build and finish all Winterization Efforts before the next blizzard. Theron our Navajo Oceti Construction Lead is working tirelessly to create temporary homes for the thousands of elders, families and water protectors here willing to freeze rather than abandon this sacred ... [See More](#)

I have been working on this map for months. It is a gift to the community. You can download your free PDF of this map at the link below, and use it for digital presentations or to print your own copy. You can also purchase it from me in a poster format. If any modifications need to be made, please don't hesitate to let me know. We need to think about our Mother Earth and Tribal rights before building pipelines.

PLEASE SHARE FAR AND WIDE!

<http://www.tribalnationsmaps.com/pipeline-map.html> — with [Winona LaDuke](#).

[The Dakota Access Pipeline's Reservation Reroute-The Daily Show with Trevor Noah - Video Clip | Comedy Central](#) [cc.com](#)

WTF: Four Police Taser An 8-year-old Native Girl, JUSTIFIED Says Internal Investigation!

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In what world is tasing an 8-year-old 70lb girl justified? In a world where police investigate their own, we can only guess! The mother of the 8-year-old Native American girl, from Pierre, South Dakota's Rosebud Sioux community is now suing the police who have maintained that it was justified to taser the girl. The four

The post [WTF: Four Police Taser An 8-year-old Native Girl, JUSTIFIED Says Internal Investigation!](#) appeared first on [Urban Intellectuals](#). [Read more...](#)



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Marc Ash, Reader Supported News

Ash writes: "The situation in North Dakota at the site of the Dakota Access Pipeline has degenerated into what can now only fairly be described as a war zone. The escalating assaults on unarmed protesters by heavily armed, fully militarized police units have transformed the Dakota Access Pipeline construction site into a battlefield." [READ MORE](#)

The Standing Rock Protests Are a Symbolic Moment

http://www.ecowatch.com/neil-young-daryl-hannah-standing-rock-2118094998.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=5ff3bbe5c9-MailChimp+Email+Blast&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-5ff3bbe5c9-85895669

Medics Describe How Police Sprayed Standing Rock Demonstrators With Tear Gas and Water Cannons

Alleen Brown, The Intercept

Brown writes: "As police unleashed streams of icy water Sunday night against Dakota Access pipeline demonstrators, Linda Black Elk, a member of the Standing Rock Medic and Healer Council, was helping care for injured demonstrators. The council estimated that 300 people were treated for injuries, including 26 who were taken to area hospitals." [READ MORE](#)



Local Doctor Helps at Dakota Access Pipeline Protest

Dr. Jesse Lopez just returned from his third trip to North Dakota to provide medical help for Dakota Access Pipeline protestors. stjoechannel.com By Amber Smith

countercurrentnews.com

Rev. Jesse Jackson joins tribes

and protectors of sacred lands and water against DAPL Jackson statement:

"The tribes of this country have sacrificed a lot so that this great country could be built. With promises broken, land stolen, and sacred lands desecrated, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is standing up for their right to clean water. They have lost land for settlers to farm, more land for gold in the Black Hills, and then again even more land for the damn that was built for flood control and hydro power. When will the taking stop? When we start treating the first peoples of this lands with the respect and honor they deserve?"

The original Dakota Access Pipeline Route was slated for north of Bismarck, the capitol of ND.

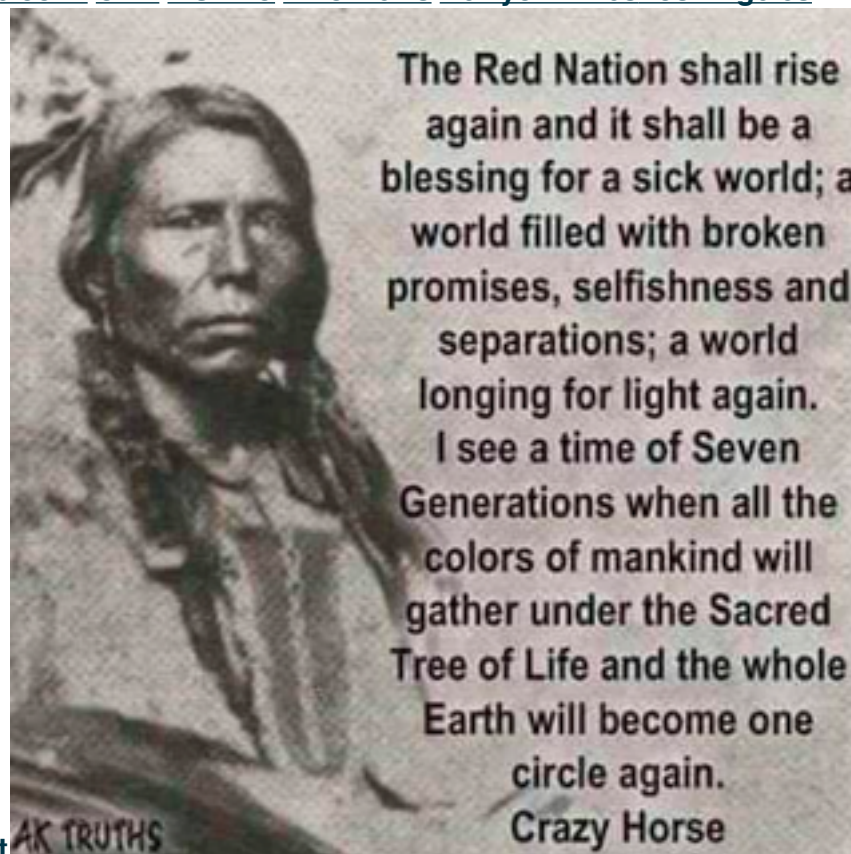


The City objected, so they moved the route to right north of Bismarck. This is the ripest case of environmental racism I've seen in a long time. Bismarck residents don't want their water threatened, so why is it ok for ND to react with guns and tanks when Native Americans ask for the same right?"



Members of Native American Tribe Turn Down \$267,000 Per Person To Allow Pipeline To Be Built Through Their Land

Brandon Lee Stevens September 28 • This isn't China's Tiananmen Square, this 2016 North Dakota where an MRAP, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected military vehicle escorting fully armed officers used to intimidate peaceful unarmed water protectors. Call your legislators and ask them if this is how we treat fellow Americans. <http://whoismyrepresentative.com/> [CNN](#) [MSNBC](#) [NBC News](#) [Newyorktimes](#) [Los Angeles](#)



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