

Dakota Access Pipeline Resistance Reading

This fight for justice, led by the Sacred Stones and Red Warrior camps, lies physically at the confluence of the Cannonball and Missouri Rivers, and historically at the confluence of countless experiences and realities. This list of resources is by no means comprehensive, but simply a starting place for allies in the resistance to the Dakota Access pipeline.

Three Basic Reads on DAPL:

- Overview of the proposed pipeline: <http://sacredstonecamp.org/dakota-access-pipeline/>
- How Dakota Access has violated federal laws and treaties: <http://sacredstonecamp.org/federal-violations/>
- “Protection of Sacred Sites Leads to Clash with Dakota Access Private Security,” Sacred Stone Camp News. <http://sacredstonecamp.org/blog/2016/9/4/protection-of-sacred-sites-leads-to-clash-with-dakota-access-private-security>

Three Vital Reads for Allies:

- “Standing Rock a Time to Listen Not to Spout.” <http://www.clayjenkinson.com/standing-rock-a-time-to-listen-not-to-spout/>
- “How You Can Support Standing Rock.” <http://www.yesmagazine.org/people-power/how-you-can-support-standing-rock-20160921>
- “A History and Future of Resistance” <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2016/09/standing-rock-dakota-access-pipeline-protest/>

2016 Timeline

- April 1: Tribal citizens of the Standing Rock Lakota Nation and ally Lakota, Nakota, and Dakota citizens, under the group name “Chane tin’sa kinanzi Po” founded a Spirit Camp along the proposed route of the Bakken oil pipeline, Dakota Access.
- July 15- August 5: Youth leaders of the Oceti Sakowin (Great Sioux Nation) nearly 2000 miles from North Dakota to Washington D.C. to deliver more than 140,000 petition signatures to the Obama Administration asking that the Dakota Access permits be revoked.
- July 27: Standing Rock Tribe officially files injunction against the Dakota Access, based on insufficient tribal consultation during the permitting process.
- August 2: Members of the Sacred Stones Camp hold three days of prayer on the lawn outside the State Capitol in Bismark, ND, at the start of the legislature’s special session.
- August 5: Enbridge Energy invests in the Dakota Access Pipeline, becoming the owner of the largest single share in the project.
- August 10: Construction begins near the Standing Rock, and members of the camps
- August 19: North Dakota authorities set up a military-style checkpoint on Highway 1806, the main road to the camp.
- August 22: North Dakota authorities remove all state-owned medical trailers and water tanks from the camp
- September 4: Two days after Standing Rock identified dozens of sacred sites in the path of pipeline construction, construction equipment relocated to those sites and the sites – including graves – were bulldozed. When members of the Sacred Stone camp arrived to peacefully engage in direct action to halt construction, private security guards sprayed mace in their faces and allowed attack dogs to bite people, including children.

Two Things You Should Know About the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe:

- “Why the Founder of Standing Rock Sioux Camp Can’t Forget the Whitestone Massacre” <http://www.yesmagazine.org/people-power/why-the-founder-of-standing-rock-sioux-camp-cant-forget-the-whitestone-massacre-20160903>
- President Obama has visited one Native reservation during his time as President: Standing Rock, in 2014. http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/president-obama-visits-standing-rock/article_c085ba14-f358-11e3-86b8-001a4bcf887a.html

Two Important Pieces on the Sexual Violence of the Oil Industry:

- “Firsthand Account of Man Camp in North Dakota From Local Tribal Cop.” http://m.lakotacountrytimes.com/news/2014-05-22/Front_Page/Firsthand_Account_Of_Man_Camp_In_North_Dakota_From.html
- “Standing Rock: Environmental Justice is Reproductive Justice.” https://rewire.news/article/2016/09/20/standing-rock-environmental-justice-reproductive-justice/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Standing+Rock&utm_campaign=OOR+-+9.22.16

2016 timeline cont.

- September 9: Federal Judge denies the Standing Rock Tribe’s injunction (which argued that there hadn’t been sufficient tribal consultation in the permitting process). Hours later, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Justice, and the Department of the Interior issue a joint statement acknowledging the short-comings of the process and requesting a voluntary pause in construction in the area immediately adjacent to the contested river crossing.
- September 9: Governor of North Dakota calls in the National Guard to help maintain checkpoints on road to the camps.
- September 13: In the midst of a two-week call for solidarity actions, allies particularly rallied on the 13th to call on the Obama Administration to revoke the permits. Thousands of allies participated across the globe.
- September 14: As people continued to lock themselves to equipment in order to stop construction, police showed up in full riot gear with semi-automatic weapons, which they kept pointed at the individuals they were arresting. Police also arrested medics, legal observers, and media personnel who had peacefully remained on the public road.
- September 20: Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman David Archambault II addressed the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, about the Dakota Access pipeline project.

And the fight is ongoing....

Additional Resources

- ◆ **Respect Our Water:** The voices of the young indigenous leaders who are now running the International Indigenous Youth Council at the camps. <http://respectourwater.com/>
- ◆ **Standing Rock Sioux Tribe History:** The official page of the Standing Rock Tribe’s account of their history. <http://standingrock.org/history/>
- ◆ **Presidential Visits to Native Reservations:** Context published by Indian Country Today shortly after Obama’s 2014 visit. <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/07/11/obama-standing-rock-next-vital-steps>
- ◆ **Declaration from March 2016 on the establishment of the Sacred Stone Camp:** <http://sacredstonecamp.org/blog/2016/9/5/tribal-citizens-rise-up-against-bakken-oil-pipeline>
- ◆ **Official Joint Statement from the Obama Administration following the Judge’s Sept. 9 ruling:** <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/joint-statement-department-justice-department-army-and-department-interior-regarding-standing>
- ◆ **Sacred Stones Camp FAQ:** <http://sacredstonecamp.org/faq/>
- ◆ **Black Lives Matter at Standing Rock:** <http://blacklivesmatter.com/solidarity-with-standing-rock/>