

Storbakken, Bonnie L.

From: Matthew Musselman <matthew.musselman@tu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:56 AM
To: president@whitehouse.gov; Peske, Barb A.; Glenn Emery, VP, Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.; Link, Jody L.; Rauschenberger, Ron W.; Storbakken, Bonnie L.; Travnick, Andrea J.; Zent, Jeffrey L.
Subject: immediately cancel all plans to construct the Dakota Access Pipeline

Dear President Obama, and the staff of North Dakota's Governor's office,

Hello from California!

As you are undoubtedly well aware, all eyes are on the state of North Dakota now during these turbulent times in the construction of the North Dakota Access oil pipeline. I am just writing to express my honest belief that this is such an excellent opportunity for the state of North Dakota and for the entire United States. As President Obama pointed out in his recent State of the Union Address, is more than important, but actually critical for us as a human species, to begin "solving urgent challenges like climate change." The science is irrefutable. Anthropogenic climate change is happening, it is caused by increased greenhouse gas emissions, predominantly by the combustion of fossil fuels.

Given that, I find myself wondering, why is this dispute over the construction of an oil pipeline even happening in the United States in 2016? Do you realize what future generations will think when they look back on this time? The indigenous peoples who are protesting on behalf of the sanctity of their water supply are acting out of immediate survival. This fight for survival is exactly the type of struggle that our entire human race has to confront, sooner rather than later. North Dakota should leverage this moment and take a stand in support of a new era of energy independence, in which we no longer indefinitely invest on continued consumption of unsustainable fossil fuels.

I urge you to consider turning the international embarrassment of this situation into a decisive act of rationality and foresight. Do everything that you can to honor the requests of the tribes whose water access to potable would be put at risk by this pipeline. And do everything that you can to make sure future generations have a habitable planet. And do everything that you can to ensure that in 2016, we are investing in the energy infrastructure of the FUTURE and not the past. Thus, I urge you to CANCEL the Dakota Access Pipeline immediately.

Sincerely,
Student Doctor Matthew Musselman

P.S. Lastly, these peaceful protesters are exercising their constitutional rights and should not be harmed in any way for interrupting construction on this oil pipeline. The world is watching. Do the right thing.

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Matthew Musselman

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From: Rauschenberger, Ron W.
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2016 9:02 PM
To: Travnick, Andrea J.; Storbakken, Bonnie L.
Subject: Fwd: Draft Morton county release
Attachments: ATT00001.htm

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Zent, Jeffrey L." <jlzent@nd.gov>
Date: September 3, 2016 at 8:45:15 PM CDT
To: "Rauschenberger, Ron W." <r-rausche@nd.gov>, "-Sch-GO Wrigley, Drew H." <scheddhw@nd.gov>, [REDACTED]
Subject: Draft Morton county release

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From: Donnell Hushka <Donnell.Hushka@ndaco.org>
Date: September 3, 2016 at 8:43:33 PM CDT
To: "Zent, Jeffrey L." <jlzent@nd.gov>, "Link, Jody L." <jlink@nd.gov>, "'Fong, Cecily S.'" <cfong@nd.gov>, "'Balken, Amber R Maj USAF (US)'" <amber.r.balken.mil@mail.mil>, "Iverson, Lt. Thomas O." <tiverson@nd.gov>
Cc: "joel.rostberg@mortonnd.org" <joel.rostberg@mortonnd.org>
Subject: release

News Release

For Immediate Release

September 3rd, 2016

Contact: Morton County PIO, Donnell Preskey (701) 426-1587

Private Security Officers Ambushed and Assaulted by Protestors

Around 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, a group of protestors launched a march from their camp located on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land to where construction was taking place on the Dakota Access

Pipeline, on private property on the west side of Highway 1806. This march illegally blocked traffic in both lanes of the roadway.

Once protestors arrived at the construction area, they broke down a wire fence by stepping and jumping on it. According to numerous witnesses within five minutes the crowd of protestors, estimated to be a few hundred people became violent. They stampeded into the construction area with horses, dogs and vehicles.

Protestors physically assaulted private security officers hired by Dakota Access Pipeline. The security officers were hit and jabbed with fence posts and flag poles. According to several reports from security officers, knives were pulled on them or they witnessed protestors with large knives. Below is a summary of reports from numerous security officers.

Security Officer #1 – A crowd of 40-50 protestors pushed him against a vehicle. He was jabbed in the side with a wooden fence pole, kicked in the knees; causing him to fall to the ground. He heard people saying, “stomp him, kick him, he’s not going to leave.”

Security Officer #2 – As he was getting into his truck, he was hit in the back by a fence post. He witnessed protestors trying to stab K-9’s with knives and flag poles. He reported witnessing eight large knives on protestors.

Security Officer #3 – A protestor pulled a knife on him and his K-9.

Security officer #4 – Was assaulted by a protestor on a horse and was pushed off a construction crossing. His K-9 was stepped on by protestor’s horse.

Security officer #1 was taken to a Bismarck hospital. Investigators have taken three formal reports of injuries from security officers. However, according to witnesses several additional security officers were assaulted. Two security K-9’s were also taken to veterinarians to be treated for their injuries.

Law Enforcement from Morton County, Burleigh County and Highway Patrol responded to the construction site. The crowd of protestors left the scene without further incident. The Morton County Sheriff’s

Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation is investigating the incident.

“Any suggestion that today’s event was a peaceful protest, is false. This was more like a riot than a protest. Individuals crossed onto private property and accosted private security officers with wooden posts and flag poles. The aggression and violence displayed here today is unlawful and should not be repeated. While no arrests were made at the scene, we are actively investigating the incident and individuals who organized and participated in this unlawful event,” said Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier.