‘Standing Rock’
#NoDAPL

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From the north a black snake will come. It will cross our lands, slowly killing all that it touches, and in its passing the water will become poison.

Lakota end-of-times prophecy
December 2014 – Energy Transfer Partners (ETP) applies to build 1,200 mile Dakota Access pipeline through the Dakotas and Iowa to an existing pipeline in Illinois to transport ½ million barrels of oil daily. Cost projected at $3.8 billion.

January 2016 – ETP receives go ahead from ND Public Service Commission.

March 2016 – Iowa regulators final state to grant pipeline approval.

April 2016 – Standing Rock Sioux launch online petition regarding diversion of DAPL away from Bismark into Sioux land – 430,000 signatures obtained.
April through June 2016 – Water protector camps established at confluence of the Cannonball and Missouri rivers in southern ND on unceded Sioux land (1851 treaty) and the Standing Rock Sioux (SRS) reservation. Hundreds of tribes, a thousand people soon arrive in solidarity.

July 2016 – SRS file injunction to halt construction on DAPL. The Cheyenne River Sioux (CRS) later join as plaintiffs. ETP countersue the SRS chairman for attempting to stop construction.

August 2016 – Over 2000 people now in the main camp. Water protectors remain peaceful and prayerful. ND make first arrests of water protectors on August 10th, including Jill Stein and Shailene Woodley.
September 2016 – Violence against water protectors begins in earnest: private security, attack dogs, pepper spray, massively increased police presence, daily arrests… Water protectors organize and begin a school for their children within the camps. Black Lives Matter delegation joins water protectors at main camp in solidarity. On September 9th US District Court Judge Boasberg denies SRS attempt to halt pipeline construction, but Army Corp. of Engineers (ACE), Dept. of Justice (DOJ), and Dept. of the Interior (DOI) declare that construction bordering or under Lake Oahe won’t go forward pending further review.

September 4th

• We are protectors protectors.
• We are peaceful and prayerful.
• “-isms” have no place here.
• We are non-violent.
• Respect the locals.
• We are proud to stand. No masks!
• No weapons. (Or what could be considered)
• Property damage does not get us closer to our goal.
Oceti Sakowin – Main Camp

Emotional/Psychological Self-Care

- Normal physiological symptoms after trauma are:
  - Anxiety, feeling unsafe, fearful, jittery or easily startled
  - Trouble sleeping, nightmares, waking up a lot
  - Emotional: Anger, increased frustration,
  - Sadness, crying, withdrawal, from people
  - Dissociation: Feeling detached, numbing, overwhelmed
  - Struggling to remember, often amnesia or wishes to forget what they have done

Deep Breathing: Release tautness, nervous systems

- Fill lungs completely, bell breathing, a deep exhale

Grounding: Feeling connected to the earth, sit by running river
- Body Scan: Showing your feet, leg, torso, arms, neck, head

Connection: Talk about your experience with supportive partners
- Stay in touch with family
- Pray, meditate, for support and comfort
- Sing, drum, make music, make Art, write
- Dance, yoga, martial arts

Hug each other, check in with our relationships
- Listen, offer help, share stories, be together
- Share belongings, support each other

Sleep, Eat well, Drink water, Stay warm
- Move, create, be productive


TWO SPIRIT CAMP

Spiral PRIDE Camp

NO SPIRITUAL SURRENDER

There are resources available for personal support, including a helpful guide titled "Abuse: 300-0000" or "Help: 300-0000."
October 2016 – Increased arrests, increased violence by law enforcement against water protectors, and National Guard called in by ND government. On the 27th some 141 protectors are arrested and housed in kennel-like enclosures with identification numbers written on their arms. Many are injured in the process.
November 2016 – Violence against water protectors continue to escalate. On the 20th and 21st law enforcement and the National Guard use tear gas, rubber bullets, and water cannons, claiming water protectors are throwing rocks at authorities.

Seventeen water protectors are hospitalized, including 21-year old Sophia Wilansky, a New York activist, who nearly loses her arm after being hit with a concussion grenade at point blank range. Law enforcement denies culpability, but cell phone video shows otherwise.

At the end of two days, one hundred sixty-seven water protectors and one police officer are reported injured. Scores of water protectors are arrested. No actions are taken against law enforcement for excessive use of force.

Following “Thanksgiving,” the ACE issue an ultimatum to the demonstrators: Move out by December 5 or risk arrest.

On November 29, ND Gov. Jack Dalrymple issues a mandatory evacuation order for the campsites, citing “winter weather conditions” and the ACE’s previous orders to vacate the area.

Initial reports state Dalrymple empowered law enforcement to block all supplies coming to the protesters, including food, although a governor’s office spokesperson later said there are no blockades planned, however those bringing supplies in to the camps could be fined and/or arrested.
December 2016 – On the 4th, after additional arrests and incidents of violence by law enforcements use of the water cannon in sub-freezing weather the ACE and President Obama declare an emergency stay on drilling under Lake Oahe until “alternative routes can be considered.” ETP accuses the Obama administration of delaying the matter until he leaves office... Veterans begin pouring into camps to stand between water protectors and law enforcement, saying law enforcement will have to go through them to commit violence against protectors.

The ACE declare a “full” environmental impact study must be done of the disputed Lake Oahe crossing before drilling can commence, which could take two years to complete. Judge Boasberg rejects an ETP request to stop the study.

January 2017 – ACE begins full environmental impact study on the 18th.

Trump signs executive actions on the 24th to advance construction of the pipeline along with Keystone XL pipelines, stating he has received no telephone or email correspondence expressing concern or requesting they continue to be “delayed.”

February 2017 – Drilling commences under Lake Oahe on the 8th upon ACE granting an easement and agreeing to forgoe further environmental impact studies.

A federal judge denies the SRS’s request for an emergency order halting construction of the pipeline. The decision is up for consideration again at a new hearing on the 27th.
"The original sin of this country is that we invaders shot and murdered our way across the land killing every Native American that we could and making treaties with the rest. This country was founded on genocide before the word genocide was invented… When we finally stopped actively killing Native Americans for the crime of living here before us, we then proceeded to violate every treaty we made with the Tribes. Every. Single. Treaty. We piled crime on top of crime against a people whose offense against us was simply that they lived where we wanted to live. We don’t feel the guilt of the crimes because we pretend they happened a very long time ago, in ancient history. And we actively suppress the memories of those crimes… but there are people alive today who’s grandparents were in the business of killing the Native Americans. That’s how recent these crimes are. Every once in awhile there is a painful and morally embarrassing reminder…"

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What Can I Do?

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