



**ADIRONDACK ADVOCATE
AT STANDING ROCK IN NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE ACTION**

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Cannonball, North Dakota - A resident of Keene in the Adirondack High Peaks region has traveled to North Dakota to join with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to prevent the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) from endangering their water supply, invading sovereign lands, violating treaty rights and sacred sites.

Writing from the camp near the Cannonball River, Adirondack environmentalist and indigenous rights advocate Dan Plumley reacted to the news on Sunday Dec. 4 that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will not issue a permit for the Missouri River crossing of DAPL, and instead will conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement and examine alternative routes.

"It's been an amazing day and a victory for the Lakota," Plumley writes. "I'm proud of the Lakota People and their youth leaders who started this fight six months ago. The dancing, drumming and victory songs have begun."

Plumley is a staff partner with Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve. "Given Dan's experience working with Native Americans and indigenous peoples overseas as well as his advocacy for stringent environmental standards for oil trains passing through the Adirondack Park to the Port of Albany, we're proud he's taken this initiative. He is representing many voices in support of clean water and the dignity and rights of the Lakota People," states Adirondack Wild managing partner David Gibson.

Plumley has been at Standing Rock since last Wednesday; He views himself and thousands of others as water protectors rather than protestors. He is thrilled that federal officials decided on Sunday not to grant an easement to allow the DAPL to cross the Missouri River (Lake Oahe) which involves non-ceded tribal lands adjacent to the Lakota reservation.

The Water Protectors are enthusiastic and hopeful,” he writes. “Nevertheless, this is one victory on a long pathway and the encampment action will be sustained and vigilant through the winter.”

“The DAPL reminds me of some threats we face in the Adirondacks and across New York, for example from the so-called “bomb trains” carrying dangerous, highly volatile crude oil past our small communities, schools and waterways like the Hudson River and Lake Champlain,” Plumley stated. “Clean water is essential to life, our health and our economy in the Adirondacks and for the Lakota and is also a very sacred element that deserves our utmost concern and protection.”

Plumley will be at the Oceti Sakowin Camp thru Wednesday. An estimated 2500 military veterans arrived at the Camp over the weekend.



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