

people from across the country keep ancient quarrying traditions alive to this day[;]" and

WHEREAS, no fewer than 23 Tribal Nations hold the Pipestone quarries and surrounding region sacred; and

WHEREAS, any contamination by pollutants of this sacred and priceless resource would destroy our ability to use the Pipestone for ceremony, inflicting irreparable damage upon our spiritual practices and our very spirituality; and

WHEREAS, due to its proximity to the Pipestone quarries, the region surrounding the quarries where our People have traveled since time immemorial contains cultural sites and cultural resources of significance to the Tribe, and likely burials of ancestors of our Tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, any new ground disturbance in this region is likely to disturb or destroy our cultural sites, cultural resources, and burials; and

WHEREAS, Magellan Pipeline, L.P., owns a pipeline that was originally routed through federal lands in immediate proximity to the Pipestone quarries and the Pipestone National Monument pursuant to a 0.74-mile-long right-of-way that has now expired; and

WHEREAS, the Magellan Pipeline is an 8-inch-diameter pipeline designed to transport 1,100 barrels per hour of toxic refined petroleum products including gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel; and

WHEREAS, the 0.74-mile stretch of pipeline through federal lands has now been decommissioned; and

WHEREAS, Magellan Pipeline, L.P., now seeks to construct a new segment of pipeline around the Pipestone quarries using a new route to resume operation of the Magellan Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Magellan Pipeline, L.P., applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Minnesota PUC") in 2023 for a permit to re-route the Magellan pipeline; and

WHEREAS, over the course of Minnesota PUC proceedings, three alternate routes were proposed for the Magellan Pipeline reroute project; and

WHEREAS, all four routes considered by the Minnesota PUC pose unacceptable risks to the Pipestone and other natural and cultural resources at and surrounding the Pipestone quarries; and

WHEREAS, no National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") review and analysis has been undertaken with respect to any of the four routes; and