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Re: Minnesota Energy Connect, Redwood County Minnesota.

Mr. Bruce,

The Lower Sioux Indian Community appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed undertaking identified as Minnesota Energy Connect. Our initial March 19th, 2024 comments addressed concerns about known culturally sensitive locations within the project corridor. We had requested avoidance of known archaeology sites and cultural locations in the previous comment and map submissions.

We request avoidance of 21RW0001. We recognize the project corridor traverses south and east through the boundaries of the site. We highly recommend shifting the 320th St. east/west corridor further south to avoid impacts to 21RW0001, a known culturally significant location. In any event our office requests tribal monitoring of the 320th corridor, in particular the eastern section that bisects the southern boundaries of 21RW0001. As the corridor routes north we recognize the same concern, it bisects the eastern boundaries of site 21RW0001 and recommend shifting this corridor east to avoid 21RW0001. We would also request tribal monitoring should project work proceed through the above locations.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please reach out to our office for discussion. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cheyenne St. John, THPO Director
Lower Sioux Indian Community