



Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe Seeks Litigation Support to Oppose Construction of Pipeline

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Project Title

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Scope of Work

The Tribe wants to pursue litigation against the Army Corps of Engineers to enforce an EIS and the use of the 404 permit process instead of the executing a presidential permit. The Tribe is also interested in pursuing litigation against FERC, DOE, etc.

Timing

None

Jurisdiction

TX, Federal

Contact Information

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Description

OneOk is planning to build a pipeline through TX to connect to a pipeline in Mexico. This is being branded as an “intrastate” pipeline as they have been declaring it will “originate” in the Waha hub and terminate at the Rio Grande River border, thereby only requiring State regulation and permitting by the Texas Railroad Commission, which is notorious for rubberstamping all Oil/Gas ventures. In reality, pipelines from other states, mostly New Mexico, will feed this pipeline when completed, but they are omitting this fact to secure intrastate status, as well as the fact that this is indeed an international pipeline. The

only federal permitting and assessments required and requested is for the 1000' from connector pipeline to the international border under the river. They are requesting a Presidential Permit for this section which could avoid all other delays for proper due diligence. In effect, this will greenlight and make an easy path for them to build this pipeline that will cross two Interstate freeways, mountain ranges, and multiple properties in five counties as well as significant known archeological sites.

Indian Hot Springs is a prehistoric site that sits only a couple of miles from the connector and will be directly impacted by this pipeline. The entire area along the Rio Grande was home to many ancestral villages and trade routes, so this entire area is full of significant archeological sites. These are the ancestral lands of the Carrizo. Comecrudo Tribe of Texas, their trade routes are along these areas. It is a matter of urgency to the Tribe to proceed with some sort of action to stall or stop them as they presumably have already started digging at the Waha Hub site and are trying to expedite the permitting process. They are also keeping most of the cultural resources survey data privileged and confidential. The Tribe would like to get access to this information and be consulted regarding any of the cultural resources.

The Tribe seeks litigation support to ensure that the agencies responsible for protecting the people and the environment bar the construction of the pipeline, including the Army Corps of Engineers, FERC, and DOE.

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