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President Biden is signing an Executive Order today that will put an end to the Keystone XL pipeline.

I'm sharing a few of the pieces I wrote re #NoKXL that shows how long my people have been fighting it. Water the Life giver was published by Indian Country Today in 2011.

I wrote KXL equals death in 2013 for Indian Country Today. Eventually, President Obama heeded our wishes & stopped the Keystone XL Pipeline. Trump revived it on one of his first days in office. Now Biden will revoke the permit. It's been a long, hard fought battle. #NoKXL

Here is a spirit camp held in 2014 by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, offering prayers to stop the pipeline. #NoKXL https://t.co/kvT8yclOmP

> The RosebudSioux hosted a Spirit Camp to unite people in prayer for protection from KeystoneXL #supplythefront #NoKXL pic.twitter.com/YXNMyXjZxo
>
> — Ruth H. Hopkins, B.S., M.S., J.D. (@Ruth_HHopkins) April 15, 2014

Our Tribes signed a treaty together United against Keystone XL. https://t.co/9iw94KHLtj

> Chief Arvol Looking Horse speaking at the #NoKXL treaty signing. Pic via Jordan Marie Daniel. pic.twitter.com/HlkJqOw0vY
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> — Ruth H. Hopkins, B.S., M.S., J.D. (@Ruth_HHopkins) November 21, 2017

The movement really got going when a small group of elders went out on a Reservation road and put their bodies in the path of trucks hauling construction equipment for the Keystone XL Pipeline. #NoKXL https://t.co/TGul0WdCnf

> When Lakota grandma Marie Brushbreaker stood in front of semis to stop Transcanada from crossing tribal land #NoKXL pic.twitter.com/kKVsKd9M8l

— Ruth H. Hopkins, B.S., M.S., J.D. (@Ruth_HHopkins) August 25, 2017

The Ponca of Nebraska have been fighting the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline through their ancestral lands for years. #NoKXL https://t.co/t8Vinnmpq9

> Today at the 5th Annual planting of Ponca sacred corn, Art and Helen Tanderup, who hold title to land directly in the path of the Keystone XL pipeline, transferred ownership of that land back to the Ponca nation. Pics via Joye Braun. #NOKXL #Solidarity pic.twitter.com/lfSICPUr2n
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> — Ruth H. Hopkins, B.S., M.S., J.D. (@Ruth_HHopkins) June 11, 2018

The Fort Peck Tribe have been outspoken in fighting the Keystone XL Pipeline in Montana. https://t.co/PEMUaBIHX6

> The prayer walk on the Fort Peck reservation continued into the night yesterday and it's still going. #NoKXL pic.twitter.com/unqbJtLzkl
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> — Ruth H. Hopkins, B.S., M.S., J.D. (@Ruth_HHopkins) March 25, 2017

Native women played an incredible role in #NoKXL. https://t.co/baJGwkwwzo

> Gay Kingman and Faith Spotted Eagle in Pierre, S.D. this morning waiting to testify against the S.D. Governor\u2019s proposed anti-protest bills. #NoKXL pic.twitter.com/kyQEX6RZk2
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> — Ruth H. Hopkins, B.S., M.S., J.D. (@Ruth_HHopkins) March 6, 2019

The fight to stop Keystone XL continued into this year. Youth from Cheyenne River stood alone to be our voice in hostile meetings. #NoKXL https://t.co/WTi0AdroU1

> Today at a public hearing about the granting of water permits for the Keystone XL Pipeline in South Dakota, Lakota youth from Cheyenne River stood in protest. #NoKXL pic.twitter.com/c99ju5fndM
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> — Ruth H. Hopkins, B.S., M.S., J.D. (@Ruth_HHopkins) January 21, 2020

In May of 2020, Biden pledged to rescind the permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline. This decision was highly influential in getting Natives to vote for him. Keeping your word matters. https://t.co/tmrNjWkqbY

> PRESS: Statement from @janekleeb @BoldNebraska on @JoeBiden pledge to rescind permit for @TCEnergy #KeystoneXL pipeline. #nokxl #neleg #waterislife #actonclimate pic.twitter.com/iDh7zqhAdw
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> — Bold Nebraska (@BoldNebraska) May 18, 2020