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Subject: RE: Re: Draft meeting summary

Thank you, Travis. We hope everyone is safe and hope for full recovery.

Regards,
Diana

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Ms. Diaz-Toro, NRC Staff,

I want to make sure you are aware that the Tribes are engaged in relief efforts to address human health and safety in the communicates impacted by flooding throughout Lakota Territory.

Travis

EXTREME WEATHER

Flooding hits Oglala Sioux reservation hard in S.D.

Published: Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Flooding that has hit parts of the Midwest hard has nearly paralyzed an American Indian reservation in southern South Dakota, swamping roads, trapping people in homes and cutting off water supplies to thousands.

The situation on the sprawling Pine Ridge Reservation was improving yesterday, but two weeks of severe flooding could put the Oglala Sioux tribe in recovery mode for months, if not longer, and deal a serious blow to its economy, President Julian Bear Runner said.

"This is going to have a devastating effect on us, I feel," he said. "The tribe is utilizing any and all of its resources to try to help the communities that have been impacted."

The prairie reservation is roughly the size of Delaware and Rhode Island combined and is home to nearly 20,000 people, about half living in poverty, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. Heavy snowfall and a rapid melt this month led to overland flooding, swollen creeks and rivers, swamped roads, and broken water lines.

"Pine Ridge is like a desert when it comes to resources," said Peri Pourier, a tribal member and Democratic state representative. "We're using horses to get out to communities that are away from the main roads. We have elders out there that are just isolated."

Bear Runner, 33, said it's the worst flooding he has seen and that some tribal elders say they haven't seen so much water since they were children. He said the tribe was still on the "borderline" of emergency yesterday with floodwaters receding, but many tribal members still don't have easy access "to pharmacies, medication, grocery stores, anything to help sustain themselves."

The tribe estimates as many as 8,000 people have had water supplies disrupted and another 2,000 have been hampered or trapped by floodwaters. Three people who suffered medical problems died before ambulances slowed by floodwaters could get to them, the tribe said, though it released no other details.

Gov. Kristi Noem (R) sent National Guard soldiers to the reservation over the weekend to help distribute drinking water after floodwaters washed out a rural waterline. The state also sent a water rescue team to help move some tribal residents from isolated homes.

The soldiers ended their work Monday after the waterline was repaired and water service restored. They distributed about 9,500 gallons of water in seven communities.

Across the Midwest, floodwaters present a contamination risk for more than 1 million private wells ([see related story](#)).

Bear Runner said the tribe hasn't had time to estimate the amount of damage or detail what repairs will be needed.

"I'm hoping if the state and federal government help out to the best of their abilities in assisting us, I suppose we can have this [recovery] done in a matter of months," he said. "But without necessary equipment, if we have to do it on our own, it could take up to a year." — *Blake Nicholson, Associated Press*

On 3/28/2019 1:58 PM, Diaz Toro, Diana wrote:

Mr. Parsons,

Attached please find our comments on the February 22 meeting summary.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments.

Regards,
Diana

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Subject: [External_Sender] RE: Draft meeting summary

Ms. Diaz-Toro - as discussed please find attached the Tribe's summary of the February 22 meeting between NRC Staff and the Tribes.

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Thank you Diana - I appreciate your thoughtful response to our concerns. Your synopsis below reflects what we discussed. I am traveling this week, but doing everything I can to work on the both the Feb 8 and Feb 22 summaries for NRC Staff review.

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Dear Mr. Parsons,

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss your concerns regarding the public availability of draft meeting summaries. As we discussed with you on Friday, February 22, in an effort to continue to be transparent, our plan moving forward is to offer the Tribe an opportunity to provide comments on draft meeting summaries before they become publicly available. If comments are received, the staff will proceed to make those comments publicly available at the same time as the draft and final meeting summary.

Also, as we discussed with you on Friday, the NRC staff will continue to develop the summaries for NRC-led meetings (i.e., February 8 and February 19), and the Oglala Sioux Tribe will develop summaries of the meetings the Tribe leads (i.e., February 22). Both parties will exchange draft meeting summaries for review and provide comments in a timely manner to finalize the meeting summaries.

We would appreciate your thoughts on these matters so that we can continue to move forward under the same understanding. We look forward to your comments on the draft summary of the February 8, 2019, meeting and your draft summary of the February 22 meeting.

Regards,
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Ms. Diaz-Toro, it has come to my attention that the attached DRAFT meeting summary of the February 8 2019 conference call between NRC Staff and the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Rosebud Sioux Tribe representatives has been placed on the public ADAMS site (attached) and broadcast on AZARGA/Powertech social media investment sites (<https://ceo.ca/azz>). This public disclosure of a draft summary before NRC Staff received any input from the Tribe on the contents is problematic and a breach of the protocol for the conference calls the parties discussed. The summary effectively disseminates incomplete and/or incorrect information as to the nature and content of the call and further amplifies the concerns Mr. Stills identified on the call today about the detailed level of notes in the summary. The Tribe requests that no further draft summaries be prepared or disseminated until the parties have an opportunity to discuss this breach of protocol.

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