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October 14, 2020 email from the Oglala Sioux Tribe to EPA-BLM

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**Subject:** (Update) on EPA/BLM consultation scheduling status with Oglala Sioux Tribe.  
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**Attachments:** [Oct 14 2020 OST lockdown recommendation notice.pdf](#)

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Greetings, Lori (Chip), Valois, and OST Technical Advisory group,

I wanted to give you an update on the status of the Oglala Sioux Tribal, government's response to the rising COVID-19 infection rate on the Pine Ridge Reservation and how it may affect the consultation process going forward. Unfortunately, the health situation on the Pine Ridge Reservation is not improving. The attached notice from the OST COVID-19 task force puts forward a recommendation for a reservation-wide lockdown beginning October 15, 2020 at 6pm. My understanding is that the OST Law and Order Committee is meeting today on this matter and will forward a resolution to the full Tribal Council for formal action. Given this fluid situation and significant health threat, our technical preparations have been disrupted, the timing of future Tribal Council meetings is in flux, and the Tribe is not able to definitively set a consultation schedule at this time. Thank you for your understanding as the Tribe deals with this substantial challenge - I will be in touch with you as soon as I have more information available.

If any further (updates) come up concerning the Oglala Sioux Tribe's coronavirus status, and or consulatation information for scheduling, we will get back with you.

Respectively,

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## **Public Service Announcement**

### **- Public Notice**

On Monday, October 12, 2020, the (OST) COVID-19 Response Task Force conducted a regular meeting. We are recommending a 7-day Reservation-wide Lockdown for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation- to the (OST) Law & Order Committee on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

We encourage you all to finalize your preparations and make sure that you have all your essentials. The recommended start of proposed lockdown timeframe will be Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00PM. BE PREPARED.

We will let you know more of the details after the Law & Order Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Continue to be safe, (OST) COVID-19 Response Task Force.