

“Indigenous People exist, we are still here, and we will be the most impacted by this pipeline. One of the proposed routes for the Bridger pipeline travels directly through the Fort Peck reservation, threatening Indigenous Peoples and our future generations. We know that if this project goes through, our land and our water are in danger. Our future is in danger. Our treaty rights and sacred sites must be defended,” said **Krystal Two Bulls, an Oglala Lakota and Northern Cheyenne organizer from Lame Deer, Montana and executive director of Honor the Earth**. “Water protectors are standing up again, like we have always done against all those who threaten Mother Earth. We fought against the Keystone XL pipeline proposed for these very same lands and won back in 2021. We will fight and win again against the Bridger Pipeline.”

“Montanans are being asked to shoulder all of the risk for a project that serves out-of-state oil interests,” said **Kristine Akland, Northern Rockies director at the Center for Biological Diversity**. “Without basic information about the oil being transported or its climate impacts, agencies cannot lawfully or responsibly approve this massive pipeline. Our water, wildlife, and future generations deserve far better than a rubber-stamped fossil fuel project.”

“The proposed Bridger tar sands pipeline is an environmental disaster waiting to happen,” said **Jenny Harbine, managing attorney with Earthjustice’s Northern Rockies Office**. “The Trump administration appears more than willing to limit public engagement to force this project through. Communities and Tribes in the Northern Rockies have a right to know how this could impact their water sources, historic resources, and ways of life. If the administration attempts to sidestep that legal obligation, we’ll see them in court.”

“As a parent, it is really important to me that we protect our water, our lands, and our climate for kids today and all future generations,” said **Summer Nelson, program director for Families for a Livable Climate**. “Projects like this that prioritize short-term profit for a few over the long-term health of our communities and resources are simply not worth it. We have healthier, safer and more sustainable energy options available; we should not be putting the health of our home at risk.”

“This project is all risk and no reward for Montana. We’re nothing more than a pass-through to the Gulf, putting our land, water, and communities on the line to boost Big Oil’s profits,” said **Shannon James, campaigns and advocacy director with the Montana Environmental Information Center**. “Pipelines break — it’s not a question of if, but when. And when they do, it’s Montana’s fishing and agricultural economies that pay the price.”

“Pipelines leak - a couple hundred times each year in the U.S. - and lead to injuries and deaths,” said **Lori Byron, chair of Montana Health and Climate**. “Tar sands oil contains carcinogenic and neurotoxic chemicals. Why would we risk Montana’s health for that?”

“Tribal Nations have been stewards of these lands since time immemorial, and we have lived—and continue to live—in unison with the natural cycles of this Earth,” said **Patrick Yawakie with Red Medicine LLC**. “As we reflect on the current affairs of our country and world, we see that our addiction to and dependence on fossil fuels have led to wars that have resulted

in a collapse of the global economy. We must recognize this as an opportunity to move away from fossil fuels and toward long-term, clean, and sustainable energy sources.”

“This project is nothing more than an attempt to resurrect the unpopular Keystone XL pipeline and further erode Tribal rights while doing nothing to actually impact energy affordability,” **said Sierra Club Montana Chapter Director Caryn Miske.** “While the Trump administration kills affordable energy projects and jobs across the country, it is continuing to side with wealthy corporations and oil executives looking to increase profit regardless of the risks to Montana’s treasured waterways and to families and businesses struggling with high energy costs. These policies aren’t about fair or free markets, it’s welfare for corporations and pollution for everyone else.”

“We know how this system works: more pipelines mean more drilling, more waste, and more spills. And when spills happen, it’s communities, landowners, and Tribes who are left dealing with the contamination, not the companies profiting from it,” **said WildEarth Guardians Climate & Health Director Rebecca Sobel.** “Oil and gas infrastructure fails every day in this country, and expanding that system only increases the likelihood of spills and long-term contamination. Guardians and thousands of our members have spoken out: without a full accounting of public impacts this project cannot move forward.”