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## **“WHO ARE THE WATER PROTECTORS” COMMUNITY FORUM SET FOR JANUARY 15 IN BISMARCK**

BISMARCK – For most North Dakotans, local media has primarily shaped perceptions about the Dakota Access Pipeline and the water protectors, with coverage dominated by reports from law enforcement and pro-pipeline elected officials. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to hear in person from some of the water protectors from the encampments at Standing Rock and join others to engage in civil dialogue about the pipeline and the protests. Short introductions will be followed by questions from the audience – attendees will be able to submit questions in advance.

The forum will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15 in Meeting Room A at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, 515 5th St. This free, informational event with the water protectors from the encampments at Standing Rock is open to the public and will be livestreamed as possible. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

Speakers include Dr. Sarah Jumping Eagle, a pediatrician from Fort Yates; Chad Charlie, Ahousaht First Nation, British Columbia; Fr. John Floberg, St. James Episcopal Church, Cannonball, ND; Lewis Grassrope, Oceti Sakowin Leadership Council, Lower Brule, SD; and Floris White Bull, Standing Rock.

This community forum is the second of such events designed to create space for respectful community dialogue, and is co-sponsored by Honor the Earth and Dakota Resource Council. Honor the Earth is a national, Native-led environmental nonprofit organization based on the White Earth Reservation in northern Minnesota. Dakota Resource Council is a nonprofit, grassroots activist organization, dedicated to empowering people to influence decisions that affect their lives and communities.

Find more event details here: <http://bit.ly/2jrNRls> or [www.honorearth.org/theprotectors](http://www.honorearth.org/theprotectors)  
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