



## Indigenous Women of North America, Turtle Island on the Frontlines: COVID-19 and Fossil Fuel Resistance

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

1:00pm PT/4:00pm ET USA Time

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**Freda Huson (Chief Howihkat), Unist'ot'en – Wet'suwet'en People, Spokesperson for the Unist'ot'en Camps**

Freda Huson (Chief Howihkat), Unist'ot'en – Wet'suwet'en People, is Leader and spokesperson for the Unist'ot'en camps, which was founded in 2009. Her responsibilities as a spokesperson include holding meetings between her hereditary Clan Chiefs, perform liaison duties with industry and government, coordinate messages for media, and research all aspects of which are brought up for discussion regarding Clan business.



**Faith Spotted Eagle (Tunkan Inajin Win), Dakota and Nakota Nations, Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines Resistance Leader**

Faith Spotted Eagle is an Ihanktonwan Dakota elder who is an environmental activist, advocate for Indian women's rights, and an outspoken leader in struggles for tribal sovereignty. In speaking out against the KXL pipeline, she has said, "Indian women are the backbone of our nations...We stand here as Mother Bears to defend our land, our farms, our ranches, our treaty territory."



**Tara Houska, Couchiching First Nation Anishinaabe, Tribal Attorney and Founder of Giniw Collective, Line 3 pipeline Resistance Leader**

Tara Houska (Couchiching First Nation Anishinaabe) is a tribal attorney, founder of Giniw Collective, and a former advisor on Native American affairs to Bernie Sanders. She advocates on behalf of tribal nations at the local and federal levels on a wide range of issues impacting indigenous peoples. She spent six months on the frontlines in North Dakota fighting the Dakota Access Pipeline, and is heavily engaged in the movement to defund fossil fuels and a years-long struggle against Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline. She is a co-founder of Not

Your Mascots, a non-profit committed to educating the public about the harms of stereotyping and promoting positive representation of Native Americans in the public sphere.



**Eriel Tchekwie Deranger, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, Executive Director of Indigenous Climate Action, Tar Sands extraction Resistance Leader**

Eriel Tchekwie Deranger is the Executive Director of Indigenous Climate Action. Deranger was a founding member of Indigenous Climate Action (ICA) and spent two years in the role of interim director, helping to build the strategic direction of the organization. A member of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN), Deranger

has a far reaching reputation for challenging fossil fuel development and championing the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.