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BIA Standing Rock Agency Bulletin

The Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) - Standing Rock Agency, issued final findings of trespass to the public concerning the unauthorized use of Standing Rock Allotments No. 302 2275-B and No. 302 2290-A. Both parcels are held in trust by the United States of America and were the location of the camps known as the Sacred Stone Camp and the Black Hoop Camp. The final notices explained that the campsites interfere with an existing lease and that the use of the trust parcels as campsites is not allowed or authorized. Therefore, the final notice issued directives for "unauthorized persons still residing [...] to vacate the property immediately."

Individuals camping or occupying the parcel without the proper authorization were expected to follow the final trespass notice's directions and vacate the area immediately. The BIA Office of Justice Service serves as the primary law enforcement agency on the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's reservation. BIA officers are responsible for enforcing the final finding of trespass, which includes the eviction of any unauthorized persons. The trespass notice is in effect for a one (1) year period and shall be enforceable until February 27, 2018. Any person(s) "without proper authorization or without a valid lease" may not resume unauthorized occupation of the parcel.

The final trespass notice was issued not only to protect the trust land, but also to protect the collective rights and interests of the parcel's beneficial owners. The decision by the BIA to issue the final trespass notice was made in accordance with the applicable regulations.

For any questions or additional information requests from the public, please contact the Standing Rock Agency Realty Office at (701) 854-3430. Written correspondence may be addressed to the attention of the Superintendent at Post Office Box E, Fort Yates, North Dakota 58538.



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