

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL
NETWORK and NORTH COAST
RIVER ALLIANCE,

and

NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE
COUNCIL, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF STATE, et al.,

Defendants

and

TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE
PIPELINE and TRANSCANADA
CORPORATION,

Defendant-Intervenors.

CV-17-29-GF-BMM

CV-17-31-GF-BMM

ORDER

The Court ordered that each party file a statement of position for the Court's review regarding the consolidation of *Indigenous Environmental Network, et al v. United States Department of State, et al* (4:17-cv-00029-BMM) and *Northern Plains Resource Council, et al v. Shannon, et al* (4:17-cv-00031-BMM) on August

29, 2017. The Court has reviewed the parties' statements of position and hereby enters the following order:

1. *Northern Plains Resource Council et al v. Shannon et al*, No. CV 17-31 (D. Mont., filed March 30, 2017) is hereby consolidated with this action, No. CV 17-29-BMM (D. Mont., filed March 27, 2017), for the limited purposes of briefing and scheduling, with this action designated as the lead case.
2. Plaintiffs in CV 17-29-BMM and Plaintiffs in CV 17-31-BMM will each retain the right to file separate briefs and will be permitted separate time for argument at any hearings. Likewise, Federal Defendants and Defendant-Intervenors will each be permitted to file separate briefs and will be permitted separate time for arguments.
3. A separate judgment will be entered in each suit.

DATED this 4th day of October, 2017.



Brian Morris
United States District Court Judge