



Native Waters in the Great Plains: Protecting and Preserving Tribal Water Rights to Enhance Drought Resilience

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- GPTWA is dedicated to the protection and preservation of Tribal water rights of the Missouri River in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska
- Provide Technical support on all water issues in the Great Plains
- 6 Member Tribes:
 - Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
 - Oglala Sioux Tribe
 - Rosebud Sioux Tribe
 - Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
 - Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
 - Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe



Protecting Tribal Water Rights

- GPTWA works directly with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to protect Tribal waters threatened by the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL)
- Prepare meetings to discuss current EIS and climate impacts of DAPL



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Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed: Protecting the Black Hills

- GPTWA wrote a letter of support for the protection of the Pactola Reservoir and the Rapid Creek watershed
- Attended public meeting held by USDA Forest Service to voice concerns and support of withdraw



(Left) Doug Crow Ghost, (Center) Senator Red Dawn Foster of District 27 South Dakota Legislature, (Right) Dr. Stephanie O. Little Hawk-Big Crow

GPTWA Member Tribes Drought Plans

- Four member tribes of GPTWA created Drought Plans
 - Highlights drought vulnerabilities
 - Highlights future drought mitigation strategies
- Available on the GPTWA [website](#)

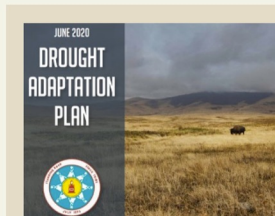
Drought Adaptation Plans



Oglala Sioux Tribe
June 2020 [drought adaptation plan](#) prepared by the Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance



Rosebud Sioux Tribe
October 2020 [drought adaptation plan](#) prepared by Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance



Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
June 2020 [drought adaptation plan](#) prepared by SRST in collaboration with Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance



Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
June 2020 [drought adaptation plan](#) prepared by FSST in collaboration with Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance