The Highlights

An element of the Black Panther Party from Chicago is active within the camps in ND. A member of that delegation led 30-40 activists in a hand-to-hand combat training in Camp 2. There were no significant protest activities or work stoppages reported in the past 24hrs.

The Details

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

   A. North Dakota
      i. Intel Update
         a. is present in the camps.
         b. 30 to 40 protesters are participating in conditioning and hand-to-hand combat training in Camp 2. An unknown member of Black Panther Party Cubs instructed the group.
      ii. Past 24 Hours
          a. Protestors did not interrupt pipeline construction, but they continued to probe the north bridge on HWY 1806.
          b. Hescos along to the south side of the pullback pipe are filled. Workers began emplacing wire on top of these hescos.
          c. Continued to reinforce the HDD site and the perimeter of the Meyer Property. Workers dug a three-foot trench around the HDD site and attached razor panels to gate 3.
          d. A protester attempted to get permission from a landowner to protest across from the Mandan mat yard. The landowner did not give them permission. His sons are armed and protecting the property. He reported protestors were carrying PVC pipes like the type used for equipment lockdowns.
      iii. Next 24 Hours
          a. Tensions will remain high as DAPL workers continue efforts on the ROW near the HDD site.
          b. Maintain static security efforts around Fortress Forward.
          c. Continue to reinforce Fortress Forward and the perimeter of the Meyer property.
          d. Parallel planning will continue with law enforcement to secure the HDD.
          e. The bridge on HWY 1806 north of the camps will remain closed per law enforcement.

   B. Iowa
i.  Intel Update
a.  Update from South Skunk river HDD arrests: two bonded out from jail, the other chose to not post bail.
b.  Mississippi Stand (MS) leader Alex Cohen geotagged in Malcolm, IA suggesting his band of activists traveled north along the pipeline from the South Skunk River HDD. Their next logical stop would be at active work sites such as the Indian Creek HDD or the DSM River HDD.
c.  MS protesters were spotted at Oskaloosa [REDACTED] and at the Diamond Lake Camp Ground in Montezuma, IA. It appears that MS is now a completely mobile entity and that they will be using public campgrounds between DAs.
d.  MS raised over $750 for their legal fund following DA at the South Skunk River HDD, confirming their tactic of utilizing action to gain financial support.
e.  The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska will host a “Protest the Earth Summit” at the [REDACTED] in Sloan, IA on 9 NOV. Speakers will include [REDACTED]. It will be open to farmers, land owners, environmental professionals, and all tribal membership.

ii.  Past 24 Hours
a.  Met with the Sheriff in Mahaska County to discuss recent arrests and likely protestor courses of action. The Sheriff was very appreciative of intel that IA Fusion shared concerning Mississippi Stand members, their history, and tactics.
b.  A vandal removed signs from work sites in Jasper County.

iii.  Next 24 Hours
a.  Standby to secure the Des Moines River HDD site during the impending pipe pull (delayed multiple times due to drilling problems).

C.  Illinois
i.  Intel Update
a.  The [REDACTED] in conjunction with NoDAPL Illinois are planning another supply donation event to support Standing Rock activists.

ii.  Past 24 Hours
a.  Social media review uncovered links between Black Lives Matter Chicago and anti-DAPL organizations at all four major universities in the area. A protest is planned for 12 NOV in Chicago that will be attended by the same organizations.
b.  Links were also established between 350.org, Chicago in Solidarity with Standing Rock Chicago and ThoughtWorks.

iii.  Next 24 Hours
a.  Will continue social media review to enable early warning of protestor activities in IL.

D.  South Dakota
i. Intel Update
   a. Social media posters regularly confuse events happening in North Dakota as occurring in South Dakota. This could result in actions in SD by confused protestors.

ii. Past 24 Hours
    a. [Redacted] assumed duties as PM in SD as Don Felt moved to ND.
    b. A crew of electricians from [Redacted] showed up at SD 185 to install equipment at the valve site. The gate was locked so the supervisor cut the lock in order to complete the job.
    c. An event called “Keep SD Officers out of ND” was held in Rapid City, SD. 20 people were in attendance to voice concerns.

iii. Next 24 Hours
    a. Will continue to spot check the Redfield pump station and continue monitoring social media traffic.
    b. Security personnel will continue escort operations throughout SD.

2. Media Update
   i. “$15K Fine Proposed For Dakota Access; Construction Complete To Lake Oahe” Oil Patch Dispatch by Amy Dalrymple 08NOV2016
      2. Summary: The Public Service Commission on 07NOV determined that a formal complaint against Dakota Access LLC was warranted as the result of the delayed reporting of culturally significant findings in the path of the pipeline. Dakota Access found four stone cairns on 17OCT but the Public Service Commission was not informed until 25OCT by a third party inspector. The fine initially imposed was $15,000, the maximum fine that could be imposed was $10,000 per day for a maximum of $200,000.
      3. Analyst Note: While Dakota Access LLC could appeal the ruling by the Public Service Commission it is more likely that Dakota Access will pay the fine to remove the issue from the headlines. This will likely be picked up by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and their supporters to show that DAPL is not transparent and that the State of North Dakota is colluding with the oil companies.

   ii. “Dakota Access Announces Plan to Drill Under Missouri River Within Weeks” Unicorn Riot by Unknown 08NOV16
      2. Summary: Unicorn Riot reports that Dakota Access will not slow down its pipeline construction operations in response to a suggestion from the Corps of
Engineers that they slow their work rate. Unicorn Riot gives a full report on the progress of the pipeline to include drone footage.

3. Analyst Note: Because the pipeline construction is continuing, it may motivate the protestors to pursue actions outside of ND and execute more aggressive direct actions in ND.