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Mr. Williams;

First of all congratulations on your new promotion. This letter is in reference to the Pryor, Arrow Shot Into Rock, Mountains. The Pryor, Arrow Shot Into Rock, Mountains has much spiritual significance to the Apsaalooke (Crow) Nation just as the Crazy, Bad Omen, Mountains, the home of the Big People is. The Pryor, Arrow Shot Into Rock, Mountains is the home of the Little People who were forced to move by the invasion of the railroad.

This monument established by the Little People has been disturbed, destroyed and desecrated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs with their road department and the Boy Scouts of America who camped there for one of their jamborees and cleaned out all the artifacts and spiritual offerings made by people the thousands of years that we have been here. This monument was to represent the base or foundation of the Apsaalooke (Crow) Nation, Apsaalooke (Crow) who traveled by this sacred mountain were to add to the monument and make spiritual offerings at the rock where His Arrows Are Sacred shot an arrow into solid rock. We are told as long as the monument stood the Apsaalooke (Crow) Nation would thrive.

The whole Pryor, Arrow Shot Into Rock, Mountain is sacred because nobody knows where the Little People dwelled since they were forced out of their home known as the Home of The Keepers of The Earth. The Pryor, Arrow Shot Into Rock, is a sanctuary for individuals who venture off on fasting quests just as individuals who venture off on fasting quests to the Crazy, Bad Omen, and Mountains.

Motorized vehicles are threatening the sacredness, solitude and pollution free atmosphere of the Pryor, Arrow Shot Into Rock, Mountain, the last of the sacred places where individuals go for guidance and prayer without disturbance and interference. It is so sad that the dominant society has ignored the sacredness of the earth in lieu of finances and


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enjoyment but the Apsaalooke (Crow) still cling to the ancient sacred ways of our ancestors by continuing to practice these ancient sacred ways.

All the mountain ranges in the territory of the Apsaalooke (Crow) Nation are sacred because that is where First Maker travels as he watches his creation. "If you need to contact me you will find me along the backbone of the earth where I travel as I watch my possession." These are the exact same words that was said to His Arrows Are Sacred was he was being prepared to return to the Apsaalooke (Crow) people. "You will find your people, who are having a hard time, at the Big Piney Lake, Baachjiaashe bilichke." First Maker named this lake, several thousands of years ago but the white society calls it Lake DeSmet.

Private lands we have no rights but our treaty rights allows us some rights on Federal Reserve Lands which are the only pristine areas left in this world so we would appreciate if the National Forest Service will acknowledge our plea and restrict motorized travel in the Pryor, Arrow Shot Into Rock, Mountains.

Very respectfully submitted,

  
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