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Subject: TransCanada's request to modify PUC permit

My name is Paul Seamans from south of Draper. The Keystone XL pipeline will cross my land.

My main concerns with TransCanada attempting to modify the PUC permit are with Condition 43 (cultural resources) and Condition 44 (paleontological resources).

With respect to Condition 43: It appears that TransCanada is attempting to give more say to the DOS, in identifying and protecting our cultural resources, than to the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO). The SHPO has more knowledge of our states cultural resources than the DOS does and any mitigation plan developed should stay with the SHPO.

In regards to paleontological resources: It seems that TransCanada is attempting to avoid the requirement that a trained paleontological monitor be on-site during construction. Condition 44 is well written as is and the people at the South Dakota School of Mines Museum of Geology are well qualified to make any determinations needed without involving the BLM.

The PUC Commission and staff have already put a lot of time and thought into developing conditions for the permit. I don't see a lot of need to make any major changes to it.

Sincerely
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