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## **Trans-Pecos Pipeline Construction Temporarily Halted in West Texas**

*Sicangu Lakota Youth of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Arrested Near Shafter Early Sunday Morning*

MARFA, TX – This Sunday, a group of water protectors gathered in prayer as 16-year old Sicangu Lakota youth Destiny Wilcuts locked herself to a bulldozer for an hour. After about a half hour-long halt to construction, work crews resumed operating heavy machinery and welding operations adjacent to Wilcuts before she was ultimately arrested by Presidio County Sheriff Danny Dominguez.

**In response, Sicangu Lakota Youth Destiny Willcuts of the Rosebud Sioux tribe issued the following statement:**

“This fight means that my kids and my nieces and my nephews will have drinking water for their kids when they get older. It’s kind of like me reclaiming my history and roots, I have to relearn everything I knew before but forgot.

What first got me to start caring about it was when my friend got maced for defending people in North Dakota. He stood in front of someone and took a shot. I’ve endured mace, tear gas, been shot with bird pellets in the private parts, watched people I know and love get shot, maced, and gassed.

For all you youth out there who are wanting to become organizers, do it. Youth rise up. We do it for our children, for our loved ones. Rise up. This isn’t the first fight and it definitely won’t be the last.

I pray that for all of those who are greedy, that they get what they need and not what they want.”

