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Dear Defenders,

Yesterday, at a meeting in Rosebud, we received the following Press Release. We are so thankful the Rosebud Sioux Tribe has taken this action. Please pass it on, and contribute if you wish. A land auction is planned for Aug. 25, 2012, of this sacred place. Thank you.

Charmaine White Face, Coordinator

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rosebud Sioux Tribe to Take a Lead on Protecting Sacred Site

ROSEBUD, S.D. -- In the spirit of religious freedom, the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council announced Wednesday, Aug 8 that it would act as the fiscal agent to bid in the Pe Sla sacred site auction in the Black Hills. The site, also known as the Reynolds Prairie Ranches, between Lead and Hill City, S.D., will be up for bidding on Aug. 25.

The Pe Sla sacred site is where, according to Lakota spiritual tradition, the Morning Star fell to earth, killing seven beings that killed seven women. To honor the fallen, the Morning Star placed the souls of the women into the stars as the Pleiades constellation. The geographic

distinction of this tradition is noted as the translation, Old Baldy, because of the stark contrast from the surrounding hills and trees to an open prairie.

Every year, tribes within the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota nation gather to perform ritual and ceremony as a way to ensure the continued wellbeing of all people. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe is among those tribes that send contingents to the site every year. In that spirit, the Rosebud council voted to unite all the Oceti Sakowin - or Seven Council Fires of the Nation - in this struggle to maintain its deeply rooted traditions. If successful, this will mark on of the first attempts by the Great Sioux Nation to unite in common cause, bid for ownership and share the site for all tribal members to practice their faith.

The tribe is working with LastRealIndians.com to accept donations from both tribes and individuals who want to join in keeping religious freedoms for Lakota people alive and intact at Pe Sla. Send contribution to: Rosebud Sioux Tribe/Pe Sla, 11 Legion Ave., P.O. Box 430, Rosebud, SD 57570 or online with LRI at www.indiegogo.com/PeSla-LakotaHeartland

. All donations to the tribe are tax-deductible and will only be used toward the purchase of Pe Sla.