



*Via 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mail*

August 27, 2021

[Tribal Leader and Tribal Historic  
Preservation Officer]

**RE: Summit Carbon Solution's Midwest Carbon Express CO<sub>2</sub> Capture, Pipeline, & Sequestration Project**

Dear [Tribal Leader and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer]:

Summit Carbon Solutions (Summit) has proposed developing a new carbon capture and storage project located in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. The project, Midwest Carbon Express (Project), will capture carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) that otherwise would be emitted into the atmosphere from biorefineries such as ethanol plants, compress the captured CO<sub>2</sub>, and transport it through a pipeline to North Dakota where it will be permanently and safely stored underground in deep geologic storage locations. The proposed project will be capable of capturing and safely storing up to 12 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> every year, which is the equivalent of removing 2.6 million cars from our roads on an annual basis.

A map of the proposed project is enclosed. The pipelines are expected to range in size from four to 24 inches in diameter. The Project is expected to require approximately 10 pump stations in the five states, as well as pumping facilities associated with the injection wells in North Dakota.

Summit has contracted with EXP, Merjent, and Perennial to begin the preliminary research and field studies for addressing potential project effects to cultural and biological resources. To assist Summit in this early phase of the Project, we would appreciate your review of the enclosed Project location map and your input about potential Tribal concerns about the Project at this time. We would be very interested in communicating with you and happy to sit down and further discuss the Project at your convenience.

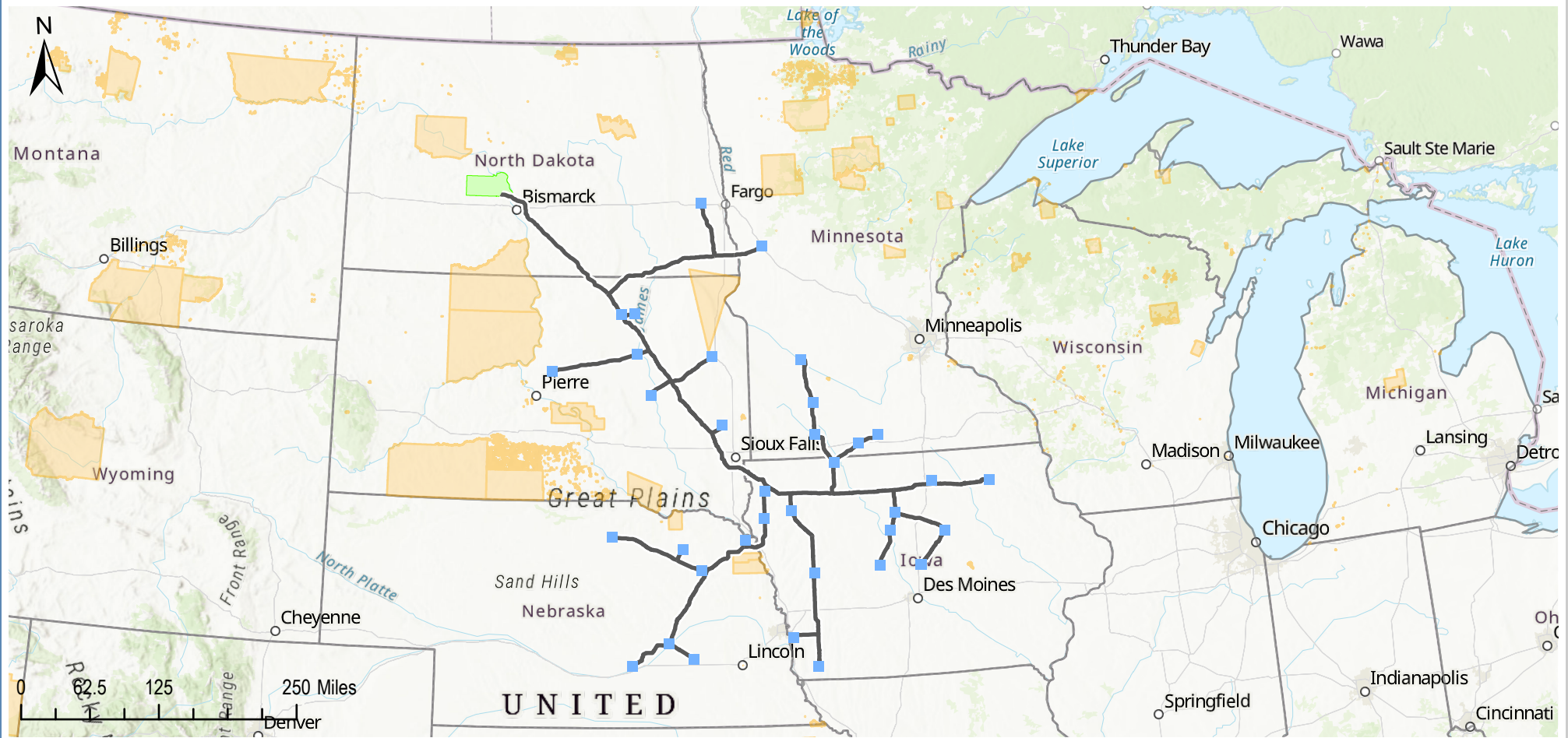
The Project is in the early stages, and in addition to working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and other federal and state agencies, we invite your Tribe to participate in Project planning and survey efforts. Cultural surveys are scheduled to begin in September 2021. If your Tribe would like to provide individuals to accompany archaeological survey crews in certain states or specific locations, we will do our best to accommodate this request. Summit is also supportive of traditional cultural property studies. If your Tribe is interested, please contact myself or Erin Salisbury ([esalisbury@summitcarbon.com](mailto:esalisbury@summitcarbon.com)) to discuss these and other opportunities.

Summit is committed to a collaborative tribal engagement process that provides for meaningful information sharing and opportunities for input. We look forward to working with you on this Project.

James Powell  
Chief Operating Officer

Enclosure(s): Project Map  
FAQ Sheet

# PROJECT OVERVIEW MAP



**Disclaimer:** Content on this figure is preliminary, and must be treated as confidential and proprietary. Sources are believed to be reliable and SCS does not assume responsibility for accuracy of data.

VICINITY MAP	LEGEND	PREPARED BY	MIDWEST CARBON EXPRESS PROJECT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed Capture Facility</li> <li>Proposed Routes (2021-08-26)</li> <li>Sequestration Evaluation Area (Site TBD)</li> <li>American Indian Reservation or Trust Land</li> <li>State Boundary</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summit Carbon Solutions</b></p> <p>1805 Collaboration Place, Suite 1200 Ames, Iowa 50010 United States of America</p> <p><a href="http://www.summitcarbonsolutions.com">www.summitcarbonsolutions.com</a></p>	<p>Figure Title:</p> <p>Project Overview Map</p>	
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		<p>Date: Revised by: Checked by:</p>	<p>Scale:</p> <p>1 : 8,600,000</p> <p>1 inch equals 135.73 miles</p>	<p>Projection:</p> <p>Transverse Mercator</p> <p>NAD 1983 UTM Zone 14N</p>
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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Native American Tribes & Nations**

#### **1. How does Summit Carbon Solutions (SCS) support the Tribal Consultation Process?**

The term “Tribal Consultation” refers to the meetings and other official communications and engagement between the Federal government and Native American Tribes as part of the special legal and political relationship between them. The United States must engage in meaningful consultation with Tribes, on a government-to-government basis, before making decisions on matters requiring Federal approval. As the proponent of the Midwest Carbon Express Project, SCS may not engage in Tribal Consultation, which is a process limited to governmental officials. However, SCS respects and strongly supports the Tribal Consultation process in several important ways.

- SCS is committed to providing timely and accurate Project information to all Tribes having historical, cultural and spiritual connections to the Project Area, as well as to Federal and State officials with jurisdiction over aspects of the Project. This information will be periodically updated and is available at <https://www.summitcarbonsolutions.com/TribalEngagement>.
- SCS representatives are prepared to meet (in person and/or virtually) with all Tribes interested in learning more about the Project. This includes building respectful and productive relationships with Tribal leaders, and providing specific and detailed Project information to Tribes, as may be requested, to address Tribes’ specific questions, ideas and concerns. To arrange such a meeting, please contact Erin Salisbury at [esalisbury@summitcarbon.com](mailto:esalisbury@summitcarbon.com).
- Finally, SCS understands and respects that some concerns expressed by Tribes, such as the location of cultural resources and traditional cultural properties, may be legally confidential under Federal law, Tribal law, or both. Accordingly, SCS is prepared to enter into appropriate confidentiality agreements with Tribes wishing to do so should Tribes wish to discuss such sensitive and important matters to address concerns with the proposed SCS Project.

#### **2. Does SCS intend to use Tribal Monitors in connection with the Project?**

Yes. SCS strongly supports the use of qualified Tribal Monitors on the Midwest Carbon Express Project. This includes during the surveying, construction and post-construction phases of the Project. Depending on the Tribes’ choice, SCS will consider (a) contracting directly with Tribes for the provision of Tribal Monitors; or (b) hiring individual citizens of Tribes in the Project Area as Tribal Monitors. The latter direct hiring of individual Tribal Monitors may also be carried out by SCS’ contractors and subcontractors. If your Tribe is interested in potentially providing Tribal Monitors to the Project or if you are a member of a federally recognized Tribe in the Project Area who is interested in being considered for a Tribal Monitor position, please contact Erin Salisbury at [esalisbury@summitcarbon.com](mailto:esalisbury@summitcarbon.com) for more information.

#### **3. What is SCS’ protocol for addressing any inadvertent discoveries of human remains?**

SCS is committed to complying with all laws governing such inadvertent discoveries, including the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Because most of the Project will cross private lands subject to state jurisdiction, specific state laws may vary. However, most states require an immediate halt in construction or other earth-disturbing activity to determine if an inadvertent discovery involves human rather than animal remains, and, if so, whether those human remains are of

comparatively recent origin– thereby warranting additional investigation by local law enforcement – or historical or pre-historical. In the latter instance, it is ordinarily the landowners’ decision under state law as to how remains are to be treated, regardless if they are determined to be Native American or non-Native American. SCS will prepare Unanticipated Discovery Plans for each state to be reviewed and approved by the SHPOs, which will outline the specific steps that will be taken in the event of an unanticipated discovery including human remains.

Importantly, SCS’ approach is to encourage private landowners to work constructively and proactively with Tribal officials – to the maximum extent provided by state law – should any inadvertent discoveries of human remains occur on private land. The presence of Tribal Monitors during all major phases of the Project is an important way to strengthen this approach, and to keep Tribes informed of what is actually happening on and under the ground.

**4. Will SCS support Tribal officials, including Tribal elders, who may wish to visit portions of the Project Area of particular cultural importance to Tribes?**

SCS respects that Tribal citizens, including Tribal Historic Preservation Officers as well as Elders, may wish to visit certain portions of the Project Area, such as traditional cultural properties and sacred places, that are of historical, cultural and spiritual interest to their respective Tribes. Such visits may involve traditional ceremonies and other activities. SCS welcomes such requests by Tribal governments and will seek to accommodate them on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Erin Salisbury at [esalisbury@summitcarbon.com](mailto:esalisbury@summitcarbon.com).

**5. How does SCS intend to promote Tribal employment in connection with the Project?**

In addition to Tribal Monitoring, the Midwest Carbon Express Project includes both union and non-union employment opportunities that may be of interest to citizens of Native American Tribes in the Project Area. To help provide more information on these opportunities, SCS plans to host Tribal Employment Workshops. Each of these Tribal Employment Workshops will be in-person and also “virtual” so that interested persons may participate by videoconferencing or phone. At each workshop, Project representatives will discuss union and non-union employment related to the Project. Once scheduled, the locations and dates of these workshops will be communicated.

**6. Will the Midwest Carbon Express Project provide any environmental and health benefits to Tribal members living in the Project Area?**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has documented that Native Americans disproportionately experience the adverse effects of air pollution as compared to many other communities. For instance, Native Americans suffer from asthma at nearly twice the national average, according to a February 20, 2021 EPA report. As the world’s largest carbon-sequestration project, Midwest Carbon Express will connect more than 30 ethanol facilities in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska; capture or “sequester” the 12 million tons of carbon dioxide that those plants emit every year; and permanently and safely store those greenhouse gases safely below ground. This is the equivalent of taking 2.6 million cars off the road annually and represents one of the most consequential steps that the United States can and will take to reach net-zero emissions by 2050. Less carbon pollution will benefit everyone living in the Project Area, including Tribal members.