**#ProtectHer Twitter Chat**

**April 22, 2022, from 10-11 a.m. MDT**

*The high rates of violence against Indigenous womens’ bodies and the land are undoubtedly interwoven. Join us for the #ProtectHer Twitter Chat on April 22 from 10-11 a.m. MDT as we highlight the connection between sexual violence against Native women, land threats, and climate change for Earth Day and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.*

**Twitter Chat Flow and Questions (Mountain Time):**

**Welcome –** *by @niwrc | 10:00 a.m. MDT*

Greetings! Welcome everyone to the #ProtectHer Twitter Chat! Please follow the hashtag & join the conversation. NIWRC will tweet using Q1, Q2, etc. Please respond with your answers to the questions using A1, A2, etc., and use hashtags #ProtectHer and #SAAM2022

**Land Acknowledgment -** *by @niwrc | 10:02 a.m. MDT*

Before we chat, please introduce yourself & acknowledge the land. NIWRC is dedicated to ending violence against #Native women. Our main office resides on the ancestral lands of the Tsétsêhéstâhese & Só'taeo'o (Cheyenne) People. More: n8ve.net/8ofQy #ProtectHer #SAAM2022

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| *@niwrc will post | 10:05 a.m. MDT* |
| **Q1:** Let's chat! Today is Earth Day, and it's Sexual Assault Awareness Month. What is the significance of Earth Day? Why is it important culturally and spiritually? How is your Tribe or community recognizing Earth Day? #ProtectHer #SAAM2022 |

[**A1:** Add your response here. #ProtectHer #SAAM2022]

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| *@niwrc will post | 10:10 a.m. MDT* |
| **Q2:** Sexual violence is not traditional for any Indigenous community, but is a tool of colonization that continues to this day. What impacts has colonization had on the safety of Native women and the land? #ProtectHer #SAAM2022 |

[**A2:** Add your response here. #ProtectHer #SAAM2022]

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| *@niwrc will post | 10:15 a.m. MDT* |
| **Q3:** One tactic of colonization is sexual violence. Sexual violence can also be used as a form of power and control. How do we–collectively and as organizations– promote conversation surrounding sexual violence and healthy sexual relationships? #ProtectHer #SAAM2022 |

[**A3:** Add your response here. #ProtectHer #SAAM2022]

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| *@niwrc will post | 10:20 a.m. MDT* |
| **Q4:** Let’s dive into the connection between violence against Native women & land. What connections do you see between violence against the land & the high rates of sexual violence toward Native women? #ProtectHer #SAAM2022 |

[**A4:** Add your response here. #ProtectHer #SAAM2022]

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| *@niwrc will post | 10:25 a.m. MDT* |
| **Q5:** There are high rates of Human trafficking near extractive industry labor camps. Native communities surrounding these camps are at high risk of human trafficking and/or sexual violence. How can organizations address these issues near the camps? #ProtectHer #SAAM2022 |

[**A5:** Add your response here. #ProtectHer #SAAM2022]

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| *@niwrc will post | 10:30 a.m. MDT* |
| **Q6:** We want to hear from you! What is happening in your communities to defend the land against fracking, mines, drilling, or other threats? Respond to this tweet and/or fill out the form at niwrc.org/land-threats. #ProtectHer #SAAM2022 |

[**A6:** Add your response here. #ProtectHer #SAAM2022]

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| *@niwrc will post | 10:35 a.m. MDT* |
| **Q7:** Each Indigenous community is different and faces its own land-body threats. How is your community drawing attention to land-body violence or calling for action to end sexual violence against Indigenous women for #SAAM2022? #ProtectHer |

[**A7:** Add your response here. #ProtectHer #SAAM2022]

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| *@niwrc will post | 10:40 a.m. MDT* |
| **Q8:** Let’s talk about how we can honor the needs of survivors of sexual violence. The experiences and voices of Native survivors of violence are far too often ignored and disregarded. What can you do or say to a survivor to support them? #ProtectHer #SAAM2022 |

[**A8:** Add your response here. #ProtectHer #SAAM2022]

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| *@niwrc will post | 10:45 a.m. MDT* |
| **Q9:** Healing is a process. What are some ways you can start the healing process, for survivors and our Mother Earth, in your community? How can you get involved in keeping women and the land sacred? #SAAM2022 #ProtectHer |

[**A9:** Add your response here. #ProtectHer #SAAM2022]

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| *@niwrc will post | 10:50 a.m. MDT* |
| **Q10:** Before we wrap up, please share your resources for survivors of sexual violence or tweet a statement in support of survivors! It’s Sexual Assault Awareness Month after all! #SAAM2022 #ProtectHer |

[**A10:** Add your response here. #ProtectHer #SAAM2022]

**Wrap Up -** *@niwrc will post | 10:55 a.m. MDT*

Thank you for exploring this intersection of land-body violence w/ us on the #ProtectHer Twitter Chat! Violence against Indigenous womens’ bodies & the land is tightly interwoven. TY for your advocacy for #SAAM2022 & beyond! 💙

More SAAM resources: n8ve.net/GDfwR