

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
CENTRAL DIVISION

GOVERNOR KRISTI NOEM, IN HER
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS THE GOVERNOR
OF SOUTH DAKOTA; and SOUTH DAKOTA,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

DEB HAALAND, IN HER OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS UNITED STATES
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; SHANNON
A. ESTENOZ, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY
AS PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FOR FISH
AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS; SHAWN
BENGE, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS
ACTING DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OF THE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE; and HERBERT
FROST, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DIRECTOR OF
THE MIDWEST REGION;

Defendants.

3:21-CV-03009-RAL

ORDER ON MOTION TO EXPEDITE

Plaintiffs served this lawsuit on Defendants on April 30, 2021. The lawsuit seeks preliminary injunctive relief to require Defendants to allow fireworks at Mount Rushmore on Independence Day, July 4, 2021. On May 3, 2021, Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Expedite, Doc. 8, seeking to set a May 11, 2021 deadline for Defendants to respond to the Motion for Preliminary Injunction, Doc. 3.

There is some cause here to expedite the case to allow this Court to rule on the issue framed by Plaintiffs' complaint. For good cause, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Plaintiffs' Motion to Expedite, Doc. 8, is granted to the extent that Defendants have until May 13, 2021, to answer Plaintiffs' complaint and until May 18, 2021, to file any response to the Motion for Preliminary Injunction. It is further

ORDERED that Plaintiffs may have until May 23, 2021 to reply, and this Court will rule or conduct any necessary hearing promptly thereafter, aiming to rule on the Motion for Preliminary Injunction by June 2, 2021. It is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court provide a copy of this letter to the individual who was authorized to admit service for Defendants, Timothy Maher of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Pierre, South Dakota.

DATED this 6th day of May, 2021.

BY THE COURT:



ROBERTO A. LANGE
CHIEF JUDGE