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So, like, I've lost a lot of, a lot of things, as far as my pride and things like that, you know? Like, I didn't know who I was, you know? Like I couldn't speak Cree and I was supposed to be a Cree member. You know? And I was too brown to be white. So, I didn’t fit in anywheres, you know? And a lot of – I ended up on the street. You know, like, alcoholism. Through alcoholism, like, I’ve seen a lot of my family members like, you know, passed away from alcoholism. I’m the only one left now in my family. Everybody else is gone and they all had a really rough death of alcohol. So, like, I looked at different areas to look after myself, to forget alcohol and drugs and other things. And through sweat lodges and other ceremonies that I ran across when I was out. I had never heard of before in our hometown. And that’s how I got a sense of pride and so that’s where I’m at right now. Even my marriage broke up because of alcoholism. And that's all coming from being displaced, going back and being displaced and having – don't know who you are, you know? It's all from that. Those people should pay for it, you know? Those people should, you know, do something about it, because they really wrecked a lot of families.