

SUN DANCE LODGE LEFT STANDING AFTER SUN DANCE

(And what happens to the Sun Dance Lodge itself--do they take it down?)

No, it stays up till it's getting close to next Sun Dance. Yeah. Them center poles, they leave them up. You notice them other center poles? And on down the river that way and on--clear down to Arapahoe (a small town down stream from Ethete). The center poles just stay there till it falls down itself.

(When did they go get that center pole?)

Oh they went-- That's what I'm telling you about. When I was up there, I was supposed to went right back up there. Supposed to went up in the mountains with them.

(They tied some things up at the top of the center pole. There was this bundle of something that looked like cottonwood or willows and then there was that buffalo skin and some other things. Does that have any meaning--those willows that are up there?)

Yeah. Remember that story you hear about Jesus Christ and the bull rushes and willows? That bundle there, that's up there, that's the representation of that.

(End of tape.)