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RESPECTING AND PROTECTING MOTHER EARTH

TRANS-BOUNDARY RESOURCES & IMPACTS

Introduction

Trans-boundary resources are natural resources that are shared between countries. The countries involved share ownership, control, stewardship and exploitation of the resource. Trans-boundary environmental issues span government boundaries and are felt regionally and nationally. Trans-boundary impacts refer to environmental impacts that originate in one country but are experienced in other countries.

Water is a trans-boundary resource with trans-boundary impacts that include water availability and scarcity, pollution and fish habitat protection. Rivers Without Borders is a trans-boundary organization coordinating efforts on environmental and First Nations rights on the British Columbia – Alaska border.

All forms of air pollution can stay in the atmosphere for long periods of time, and with winds, can travel long distances into neighboring countries, provinces, territories and First Nation communities. In 1991, Canada and the United States signed the Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement to reduce the effects of trans-boundary air pollution leading to acid rain.

For More Information

For more information, please visit the Rivers Without Borders website at:

<http://riverswithoutborders.org/about-rwb/>

For information about the Canada United States Air Quality Agreement, please visit:

[http://www.ec.gc.ca/cleanair-airpur/Pollution_Issues/Transboundary_Air/Canada -
_United_States_Air_Quality_Agreement-WS83930AC3-1_En.htm](http://www.ec.gc.ca/cleanair-airpur/Pollution_Issues/Transboundary_Air/Canada_-_United_States_Air_Quality_Agreement-WS83930AC3-1_En.htm)

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