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ENVIRONMENTAL PRESSURES TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE
ALGONQUIN ECOSYSTEM:

A POSITION PAPER FOR ALGONQUIN ECO WATCH

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ABSTRACT

Algonquin Eco Watch is a non-profit charitable organization intended to assist managers in protecting the structure and function of the Algonquin Ecosystem. This valuable ecosystem has a number of environmental pressures including: air and water borne pollutants, decommissioning of an unused railroad line, high use by people, as well as chemical pollutants like road salt and effluent from a graphite mine. Algonquin Eco Watch recommends that the railroad bed be removed and not be allowed to decompose into the adjacent waterways, that use of other chemicals in Algonquin Park be phased out, that no more recreational trails be opened to people and domestic animals without extensive public consultation, that hunting by people in Algonquin Park be phased out. Other concerns that Algonquin Eco Watch will be monitoring include: headwater streams that affect the water quality in Algonquin Park, forest management to ensure the continuation of the high quality work that is already underway, and the impact of fishing on fish populations in Algonquin Park.



Many environmental problems threaten the integrity of the Algonquin Ecosystem.