



Mother Russia

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Intro

Global warming will have a bigger impact on Russia than any other part in the world. Russia temperature has increased by 0.4 degrees each decade for the past 40 years. There has been a reduction in ice and snow cover due to the temperature change also they are higher sea levels.

Politics

Previous Russian presidents refused to sign the Kyoto Protocol because they claimed it would affect the economy in a negative way. They also claimed there would not be a significant change in the environment. President Vladimir Putin ratified the Kyoto Protocol so that the European Union can support Russia's entry to the WTO.

Politics

Kyoto Protocol - is an international treaty that commits countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions based on the premise that global warming exist and humans have caused it.

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President Vladimir Putin did not always support climate change. Putin has publicly mocked climate change for years. When Putin decided to propose a plan to reduce greenhouse gases by up to 70% by the year 2030 Coral Davenport a reporter for the New York Times looked into Russia's current level of emissions and states that Russia will have a 40% increase by the time 2030 Russia is also the fourth largest greenhouse gas polluter

Wildfire in russian forest



Putin talking with
Environmental scientist
regarding how global warming
has affected russian climate



Pathos

Just this year, Russia experienced massive wildfires that killed more than 29 people and left 6,000 homeless. The intense heat wave that centered on western Russia last summer was truly a record breaker. It surpassed even 2003's scorcher in western and central Europe which has been blamed for 70,000 deaths. And together, both of these mega heat waves have secured a place in the 500-year weather history of Europe, according to a new analysis.

Pathos

At Volgorechensk fish farm, near the Volga River, farmers say they have been forced to throw away 12 tons of fish because of high temperatures. Specialists at the fish farm were trying to rescue the remaining fish by transferring them from the farm tanks to cages in the river, where the water is cooler. This phenomena affected the ecosystem in a devastating way. A state of emergency has been declared in 19 Russian regions due to the worst heat wave since the Stalin era. Russia is facing its worst drought in 130 years, with little or no rain for weeks across several regions. Officials reported that dry conditions have destroyed nearly 10 million hectares of crops.

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