

Land Acknowledgements examples on rivers

Tribal Connections Interactive [Map](#) from USDA Forest Service

[Video](#) acknowledgement from Professor James Vonesh

Printed maps ([1](#), [2](#)) from Pisgah Map Company, submitted by member Jack Henderson

Water and Land Acknowledgement from Fort Lewis College and member Gigi Richard.

At Fort Lewis College, we begin every event with a Land Acknowledgement to honor and respect the land on which we gather.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the ancestral land and territory and connected to the communal and ceremonial spaces of many indigenous peoples including the Ute, Jicarilla Apache, Pueblos of New Mexico, Hopi and Dine or Navajo Nations. It is important to acknowledge this setting because the narratives of the lands in this region have long been told from dominant perspectives, without full recognition of the original land stewards who continue to inhabit and connect with this land.

Thank you for your respect in acknowledging this important legacy.

At the Four Corners Water Center, we like to expand the acknowledgement to include water in our acknowledgement as these lands are part of a watershed and the water that flows through our watershed connects to others downstream. We are in the Animas River watershed, which is tributary to the San Juan River, which is tributary to the Colorado River. We believe it is important to acknowledge that as we are all 2/3 water, Water Connects us all. And, as expressed by many indigenous cultures around the world Water is Life.

Thank you again for your respect in this acknowledgement.

River Acknowledgements from OARS and member Steve Markle. Each acknowledgement is specific to each river they run in the western U.S. You can find them toward the bottom of any their domestic trip pages, like [this example of the Main Salmon](#).

[The Why Behind Our Land Acknowledgements](#), from Holiday River Expeditions

Eno River Association Website [Example](#)

American Rivers [StoryMap](#): Montana's Legacy of River Protection: Six Dams That Were Never Built. 2/17/2021

Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership Website [example](#)

Acknowledgement of current native cultural practices that an outfitter defers to and works around on their trips on the Klamath River, under the "culture" tab of their [website](#).

Examples of inviting recreation users to modify their behavior with respect to indigenous needs, here are [Six Rivers](#) & [Klamath National Forests](#)' information for rec boaters about how to avoid and respect traditional summer ceremonial activity on the Klamath. Shared by Jen Rice.

Another good [training](#) about acknowledgements. Shared by Jen Rice.

Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership [acknowledgement](#). Shared by Colter Pence.