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Thank you.

## International Boundary Commission United States and Canada



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- Over 17 years of Geodetic Surveying



Over 11,500 points define the Boundary

## DELIMITATION OF THE CANADA/USA BOUNDARY




Mitchell Map - used to define the boundaries in the Jay Treaty

## THE WEBSTER-ASHBURTON TREATY, 1842



The Treaty of 1842 more thoroughly defined the boundary between the Atlantic ocean and the Rocky Mountains and settled two disputed areas one on the Maine/New Brunswick boundary and the 2 nd in the area of Lake of the Woods.


## ORGANIZATION



CANADA


* Commissioner is appointed by Order in Council


## FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

> Operational
$>$ Regulatory
> Boundary Interpretation
> Advisory
> Custodial


## PROCESS OF BOUNDARY DEFINITION

- Delimitation
- Demarcation
- Delineation

1. Passamaquoddy Bay
2. St. Croix River
3. North Line
4. St. John River
5. St. Francis River
6. Southwest and South Lines
7.Southwest Branch of the St. John River
7. Highlands (Northeast)
8. Highlands (Southwest) 10. Halls Stream
9. $45^{\text {th }}$ Parallel (Vermont/Quebec)
10. $45^{\text {th }}$ Parallel (New York/Quebec)

## 1. Passamaquoddy Bay <br> 2. St-Croix River

New Brunswick / Maine Campobello Island


## 3. North Line <br> 4. St. John River 5. St-Francis River

North Line


## 6. Southwest \& South Line

Grading and placing grass seed to facilitate the use of mowers on eastern boundary


## 7. Southwest Branch of St. John River

Monument rebuilding


Transporting material


Transporting material



Cross-cut line clearing


## 8/9. Highlands (Northeast \& Southwest Sections)

Highlands Survey


Mount Slide Down
"Crooked" boundary


Mount Pisgah

Vista Clearing


## 10. Halls Stream

GPS survey


Reconnaissance work



GPS survey


## 11/12.45th Parallel

( Vermont-Quebec, New YorkQuebec)
13. St Lawrence River and
14, 15, 16. The Great Lakes


## 13. St. Lawrence River 14/15/16. Great Lakes

( 2700 km of water boundary, but only a total of 1 km of land boundary along The Ontario/US border )

GPS Lake Huron


Height of land portage



# 17. Rainy River to Lake Superior 18. Rainy River to Lake of the Woods 

 GPS survey atPortaging canoe during survey
Reference Monument


Camping is at times necessary in this remote area


19-25. 49th Parallel


19-25. 49th Parallel


Originally marked by sod mounds

Present-day cast-iron boundary monument on the Prairies


GPS survey in the mountains


## 49th Parallel (continued)

Rugged Coast Mountain segment


Looking west from the highest ridge of BC / Idaho Boundary


Bulldozers were similarly used to groom the vista
in the Fraser Vallor


26. Straits of Georgia, Haro, and Juan de Fuca


## 27. Portland Canal

 28. Southeast Alaska 29. $141^{\text {st }}$ Meridian

## 27. Portland Canal

Hyder Alaska and Stewart BC where boundary emerges from the fjord called Portland Canal to run from peak to peak in NW British Columbia


Crossing Cascade Creek with a trolley


## 28. Southeast Alaska



## More of Southeast Alaska



Use of helicopter in remote areas



Flying in helicopter over White Pass Valley


Alaska Highway crossing vista with $B C$ on the right


Triangulation station near Beaufort Sea


## MONUMENT TYPES



Stainless Steel Monument: Life expectancy is 75 years


## Additional Boundary Marking

- Trail markers to enhance boundary delineation where needed
- Range towers along navigable water



## MAINTENANCE CYCLES

| SUB-SECTIONS | LENGTH OF SECTION IN KM MI |  | PREFERRED | D CYCLE | PRIORITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Passamaquoddy Bay | 40 | 25 | 3 |  | 7 |
| 2. St. Croix River System | 211 | 130 | 8 |  | 24 |
| 3. North Line \& Mon. Brook | 126 | 78 | 6 |  | 14 |
| 4. St. John River | 115 | 71 | 8 |  | 13 |
| 5. St. Francis River | 70 | 43 | 4 |  | 1 |
| 6. Southwest \& South Lines | 136 | 84 | 6 |  | 3 |
| 7. S.W. Br. of St. John River | 62 | 38 | 8 |  | 26 |
| 8. Highlands (N.E. Section) | 284 | 175 | 6 |  | 16 |
| 9. Highlands (S.W. Section) | 154 | 95 | 6 |  | 8 |
| 10. Halls Stream | 44 | 27 | 4 |  | 2 |
| 11. West Line (Que.-Vt.) | 146 | 90 | 6 |  | 4 |
| 12. West Line (Que.-N.Y.) | 105 | 65 | 6 |  | 12 |
| 13. St. Lawrence River | 194 | 120 | 8 |  | 22 |
| 14. Lake Ontario and Niagara River | 338 | 210 | 8 |  | 23 |
| 15. Lake Erie St.-Clair and Detroit River | 545 | 338 | 8 |  | 26 |
| 16. Lake Huron and St. Mary's River | 537 | 333 | 8 |  | 18 |
| 17. Lake Superior to Rainy River | 467 | 290 | 8 |  | 29 |
| 18. Rainy River and Lake of the Woods | 220 | 136 | 8 |  | 20 |
| 19. 49th (Man. - Minn.) | 196 | 121 | 5 |  | 19 |
| 20. 49th (Pemb. \& Tur. Mts.) | 76 | 47 | 5 |  | 11 |
| 21. 49th (Prairies) | 889 | 549 | 8 |  | 17 |
| 22. 49th (Foot Hills to West Koot) | 201 | 124 | 8 |  | 5 |
| 23. 49th (W. Koot. to Simil.) | 233 | 144 | 8 |  | 21 |
| 24. 49th (Simil. to Columbia V. ) | 170 | 105 | 8 |  | 24 |
| 25. 49th (Fraser V.) | 55 | 34 | 5 |  | 10 |
| 26. Straits of Georgia and Juan de Fuca | 241 | 149 | 8 |  | 9 |
| 27. Portland Canal | 290 | 180 | 8 |  | 25 |
| 28. S. E. Alaska | 1147 | 708 | 10 |  | 6 |
| 20. ${ }^{\text {st M M }}$ Midian | 1050 | 648 | 15 |  | 15 |

## 15 Year Maintenance Plan

$>$ Based on comprehensive study of old reports
> Cost estimates adjusted for inflation
> Projects do get shuffled

|  | Task | Section | x 1000\$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Maintenance | Highlands S.W. Section | 210 |
|  | Vista Clearing \& Maintenance | Meridian and 49th Parallel (MB/MN) | 253 |
|  | Vista Clearing | 49th Parallel (MB/ND) | 58 |
|  | Vista Clearing | 49th Parallel (Foothills to West Kootenay River) | 450 |
|  | Vista Clearing | 49th Parallel (Foothills to West Kootenay River) | 466 |
|  | Vista Clearing \& Maintenance | 49th Parallel (Pacific to Columbia Valley) | 150 |
|  | Inspection \& Maintenance | Portland Canal | 117 |
|  | Vista Clearing \& Maintenance | Southeast Alaska | 400 |
|  | Contingency |  | 50 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | TOTAL |  | 2,154 |


|  | Task | Section | x 1000\$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Inspection \& Maintenance | St. Francis River | 182 |
|  | Vista Clearing | Highlands N.E. Section | 250 |
|  | Maintenance | Highlands S.W. Section | 220 |
|  | Inspection \& Maintenance | Halls Stream | 50 |
|  | Maintenance | Meridian and 49th Parallel (MB/MN) | 182 |
|  | Maintenance | 49th Parallel (AB-SK-MB/MT- ND) | 182 |
|  | Maintenance | 49th Parallel (Foothills to West Kootenay River) | 400 |
|  | Vista Clearing | 49th Parallel (Foothills to West Kootenay River) | 133 |
|  | Vista Clearing | 49th Parallel (Similkameen River to West Kootenay River) | 415 |
|  | Contingency |  | 50 |
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|  | TOTAL |  | 2,064 |


|  | Task | Section | x 1000\$ |
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|  | Survey | Passamaquoddy Bay | 91 |
|  | Maintenance | Passamaquoddy Bay | 44 |
|  | Survey | St. Croix River | 91 |
|  | Vista Clearing \& Maintenance | Southwest and South Lines | 280 |
|  | Vista Clearing \& Maintenance | Highlands S.W. Section | 480 |
|  | Vista Clearing | West Line (QC/NY) | 165 |
|  | Maintenance | Meridian and 49th Parallel (MB/MN) | 183 |
|  | Vista Clearing \& Maintenance | 49th Parallel (Foothills to West Kootenay River) | 376 |
|  | Maintenance | 49th Parallel (Similkameen River to West Kootenay River) | 183 |
|  | Contingency |  | 50 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | TOTAL |  | 1,943 |

## Products

## Maps

A total of 256 official Maps Scales varies from

1:6 000
1:12000
to
1:18000
1:24000
1:62 500
1:250 000

* these Maps were made between 1917 and 1928.


## Annual Reports

Produced each Year and submitted by the commissioners to their respective government.

## Field Reports

Prepared each year by the Field Engineers

## Special Reports

Contain the results of negotiations and new set of coordinates in Technical Appendices

## Survey Data

Available on the Web:
http://www.internationalboundarycommissio n. org

## International Boundary

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## IBC's next generation of official boundary maps.

- Same layout as originals
- Same number of map sheets (256)
- Same scale




## Halls Stream

New Hampshire - Quebec


2009


1923

## UNITED STATES BEING FARMED BY CANADIAN FARMER ST. FRANCIS RIVER MAINE-QUEBEC



## Typical Year in the Life of a Field Engineer

- January thru February - Annual Report
- March - Training and Headquarters Meeting
- April - Prepares for Field Season
- May thru September - Field Projects
- October - Equipment Maintenance and Storage
- November thru December - Stake Holder Visits

The Field Engineer has three areas of focus in maintaining the boundary:

- Vista clearing
- Monument repairs
- Surveying

These are typically done in order.


## The Team

The IBC's most active season runs from May through September.

Each Field Officer will hire 5 or 6 hand picked "seasonal" employees to help them achieve the projects they are assigned.

They will ALWAYS be:

- Of good character
- Clean criminal record
- Athletic
- Intelligent
- Motivated



The importance of a cohesive crew cannot be underestimated.

## Boots on the Ground

The plan you left the office with will undoubtedly need updating when you arrive in the field.


Equipment Inventory for a Field Office will include:

- Work trucks and trailers
- Tractor / backhoe
- ATV's
- Canoes
- Power boat
- Survey gear both GPS and Conventional
- Brush and Chainsaws
- Jackhammer
- Hand tools
- Concrete mixer
- Generators
- Laptop Computers, Cameras


## TYPICAL CLEARING CREW



Typically 5 or 6 persons consisting of skilled woodsmen.


Some areas require attention more often than others.


Segments running east and west have significant more growth on the north side.

## TYPICAL MONUMENTING CREW

 - GENERALLY A 5 PERSON CREW


## TYPICAL SURVEYING CREW

Typically a 5 or 6 person crew



## ADDITIONAL TOOLS

- ORIGINAL REPORTS
- ANNUAL FIELD OFFICER REPORTS
- ASSISTANCE FROM STAKEHOLDERS
- GIS


## Monthly Field Reports

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FIELD OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT AND JOURNAL

8. PUBLIC RELATIONS / LIAISON: Spoke with the various authorities in the Champlain, NY area of our upcoming field season. Met with Mr. and Mrs. James Leonard about clearing and removing stumps from their yard in Alburg, VT.

| 9. SAFETY | Did any accidents occur during this reporting period? | No | Yes | X | Date: | $\mathbf{0 5 / 2 8 / 2 0 1 2}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Were any safety meetings held? | No | Yes | X | Date: | $\mathbf{0 5 / 0 7 / 2 0 1 2}$ | 10. TRAINING: First Aid CPR class meetings hel $8^{\text {th }}$.

11. VISTA ENCROACHMENTS NOTED / ACTION TAKEN: None.
12. INSTRUCTION CHANGES: None.
13. REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: First week was spent preparing for the field season. All crews reported to work on the $7^{\text {do }}$. Firs few days we organized equipment and had a First Aid/CPR class. Once in Plattsburg, we began the clearing project. Progress was the normal 0.50 mile per day. The vista had heavy brush and heavy side clearing and was extremely wet. Did have a chainsaw "kickback"
accident on the $28^{\text {\#n }}$ to Dale Foley which needed stitches to close.

## Monthly Field Reports

Each project is assigned a Task Number

## Maintenance is broken down by type

- Vista Maintenance
- Surveying
- Monument Recovery and Maintenance



## Report data is carried forward each month.

The progress of each Engineer is easily gauged.

These forms are also useful in determining project planning.

| 19-II. MONUMENT / MARK SETTING, RECOVERY, MAINTENANCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| TASK NO: 02-12 | BDRY. MON. | REF. MON. | RANGE MARK | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BRIDGE } \\ & \text { TABLET } \end{aligned}$ | HORIZ STATION | REF. MARK | TURNING POINT | LINE MARK |
| A. Recovered |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Good | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Poor | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Not Usable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B. Not recovered |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. Reestablished-Renewed-Rebuilt |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Poured Concrete (obelisk) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Poured Concrete (disk) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Drill Hole |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Other <br> D. Repaired |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E. Painted/ Cleaned | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F. Established |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 4. Other |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Temporary Mark |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| D. Repaired |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E. Painted / Cleaned |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 3. Drill Hole |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Other |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Temporary Mark |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20. Total recovered year to date | 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21. Total not recovered year to date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22. Total reestablished year to date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23. Total repaired year to date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24. Total painted/cleaned year to date | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25. Total established year to date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Information is compared to data reported in Appendix A for quality assurance.

Brief descriptions of each day's events are noted.

|  |  | IV. JOURNAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DATE | DAY OF WEEK | OCCUPATION OF THE DAY |
| 1 | tues | Worked on monthly paperwork and prepared for field season. |
| 2 | WED | Prepared for filed season. Had trucks serviced. |
| 3 | THUR | Prepared for field season. |
| 4 | FRI | Prepared for field season. |
| 5 | SAT | Off |
| 6 | SUN | Off |
| 7 | MON | First day of field season. All crews showed up for work to organize and prepare equipment for travel. Held safety meeting. 56 hrs |
| 8 | TUES | First Aid/CPR class given by Paul Stewart of the Houlton EMS. 56 hrs |
| 9 | WED | Departed Houlton For Plattsburg, NY arriving late in the afternoon. 56 hrs |
| 10 | THUR | Went by the local saw shop to purchase safety gear and have one saw fixed. Started to rain but went out to the boundary to see the conditions. The line is very wet with standing water everywhere. 56 hrs |
| 11 | FRI | Started clearing 700 feet east of Mon 671 then west for 0.53 miles through monument 671 to a small stream 1000 feet east of Mon 672 . Cleared moderate bush and heavy side clearing. 56 hrs |
| 12 | SAT | Worked on paperwork. (8 hrs) |
| 13 | SUN | Off |
| 14 | MON | Cleared west from 1000 feet east of Mon 672 through Mon 673 to Mon 674 at the English River, for a total of 0.60 miles. Cleared moderate brush and heavy side clearing. 56 hrs |
| 15 | TUES | Rain day Very heavy rain. 56 hrs |

## INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION <br> UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Western Regional Field Office
United States Section


## Appendix A

Site visits to boundary points are tracked.

At the end of each field season, Engineers are required to provide this form for each section of boundary where work was performed.

These forms are in each of the Field Officer's annual report.

Legend

| Boundary Monument Type | Mon | Boundary Monument or Boundary Turning Point |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | RM | Reference Monument |
|  | BP | Boundary Point (unmarked) |
| Reconnaissance: | G | Recovered in Good condition |
|  | F | Recovered in Fair condition (requires minor repair) |
|  | PO | Recovered in Poor condition (requires major repair) |
|  | D | Destroyed (evidence found but Monument not in place) |
|  | NR | Not Recovered (no evidence found or inadequate search) |
| Established: | NM | New Monument constructed (in new location) |
|  | R | Renewed (in same location) |
| Repairs: | MI | Minor repairs to base (cracks patched, plumbed, dirt packed at base, etc.) |
|  | MA | Major repairs (new marker installed, base partially replaced or recapped) |
| Painted | MP | Monument Painted |
| Description | DU | Description Updated |
|  | ND | New Description (newly established monuments only) |
| Photo | P | Photographed |
|  | NP | Not Photographed |
| Monument Surveyed | S | Survey performed to position the monument |


| Boundary Monument <br> Type \& Number | Reconnaissance | Established | Repairs | Painted | Description | Photo | Monument <br> Surveyed |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mon 3 | F |  | MA |  | DU |  | S |
| Mon 3A | G |  |  |  |  |  | S |
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## Appendix B

## Lists the totals for each section of boundary where work was performed.

## MONUMENT MAINTENANCE

```
2008 - Highlands: Maine / Quebec -Jackman /Armstrong Crossing
    Total Monuments recovered
    Total monuments painted/cleaned
    Total monuments surveyed
    Total monuments surveyed 
        =0
2008 - West Line: New York / Quebec
    T Total monuments recovered
    T Total monuments pecovered
    Total monuments surveyed
    Monuments repaired or re-established
        =0
2008 - Gulf of Georgia to Northwesternmost Point of Lake of the Woods: Montana / B.C. - Glacier Park
    Total Monuments recovered }
    >Total Monuments recovered = = 3
    Total monuments painted/cleaned
    Total monuments surveyed
        =0
    Monuments repaired or re-established
2008 - Gulf of Georgia to Northwesternmost Point of Lake of the Woods - Boundary Bay
    > Total Monuments recovered
    > Total Range Marks repaired or re-established
        = 14
    = =4
    > Tal Cowtrange Marks establish-
    Total Control Points established }=
> Total Monuments Surveyed 
=14
= 9
2008 - Tongass Passage to Mt. St. Elias: Southeast Alaska / British Columbia
\(>\) Total Monuments recovered
\(=54\)
\(>\) Total monuments painted/cleaned \(=0\)
\(>\) Total monuments surveyed \(=20\)
- Monuments repaired or re-established \(=3\)
T Total New Monuments Established \(=1\)
2008 - Gulf of Georgia to Northwesternmost Point of Lake of the Woods - Cascades
\(>\) Total Monuments recovered \(=232\)
\(=5\)
\(>\) Total monuments painted/cleaned
Total monuments surveyed \(=44\)
\(>\) Mon \(=44\)
\(>\) Monuments repaired or re-establishe \(=0\)
\(=0\) \(=0\)
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ALASKA-YUKON







## Remote Camping




Questions ???

