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International Border Response

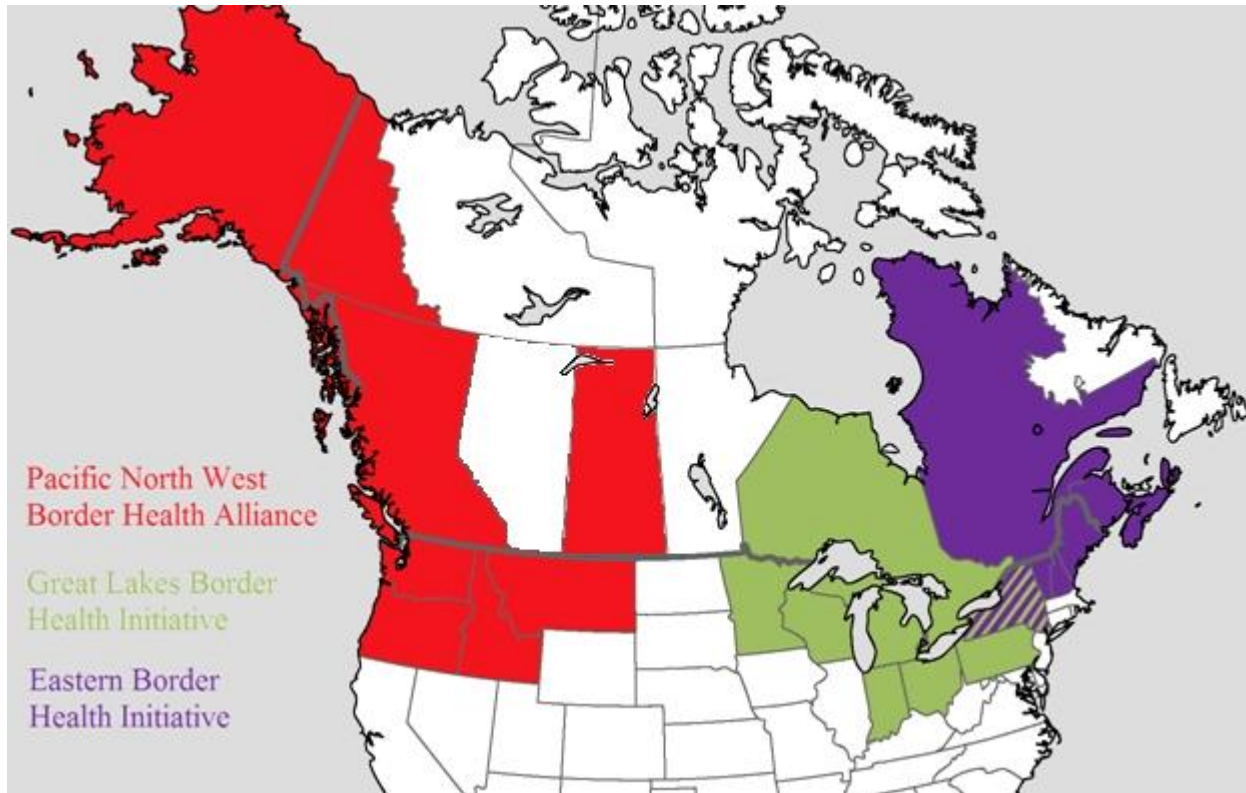
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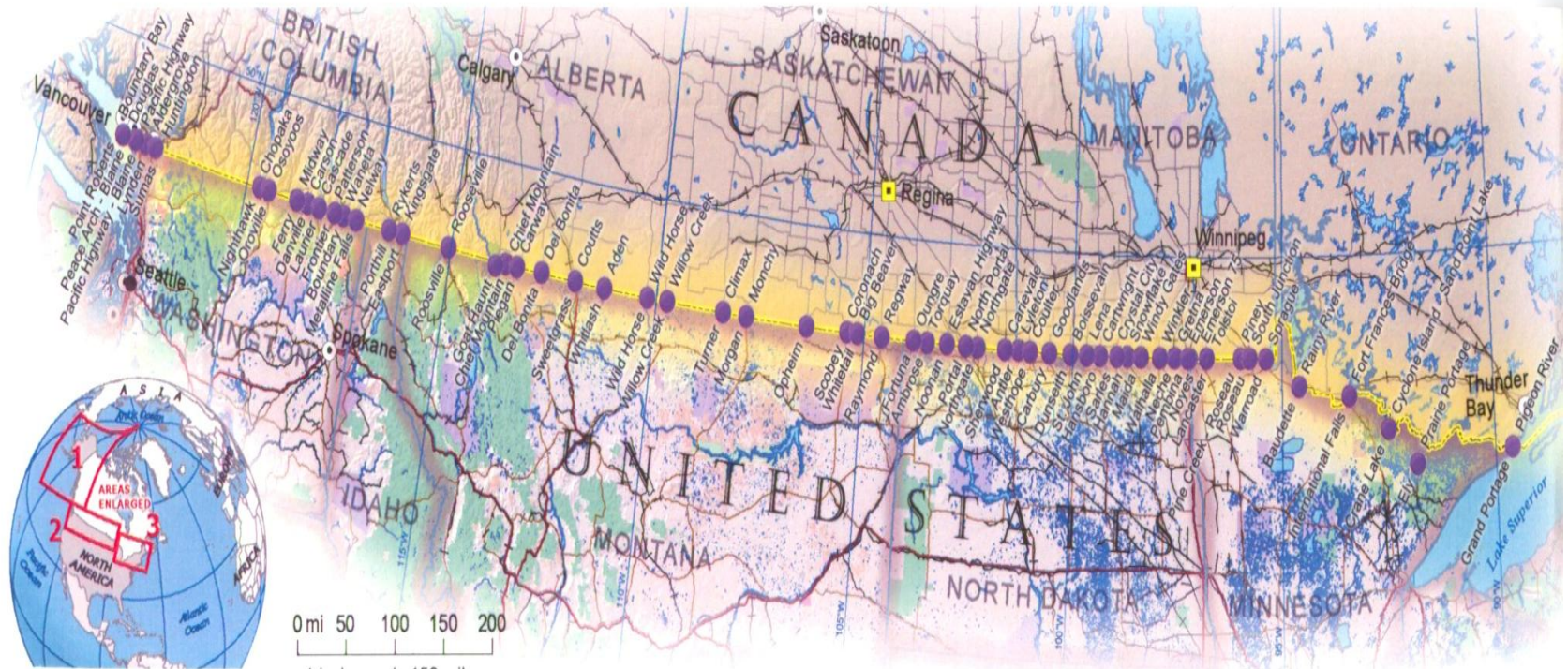
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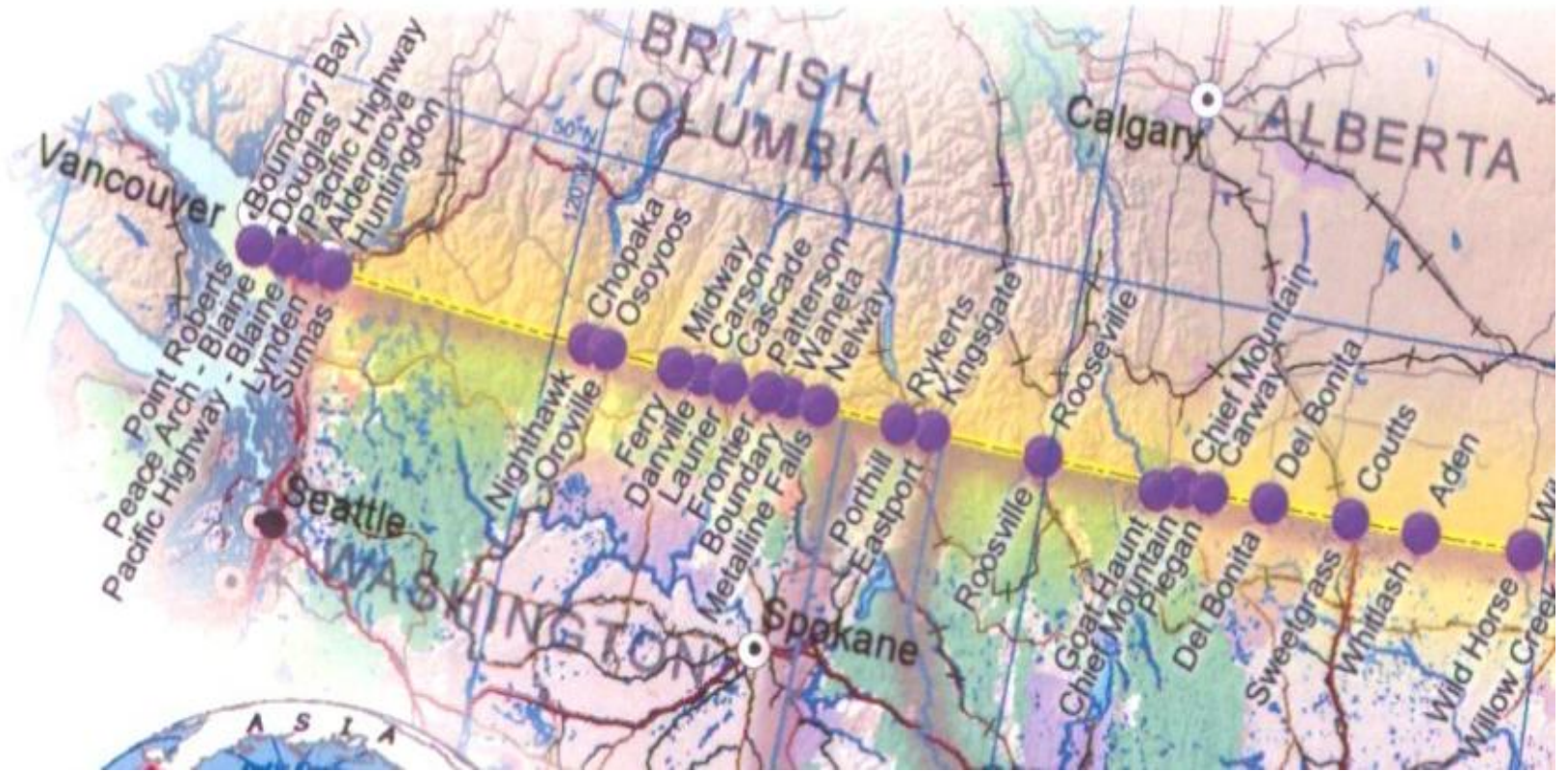
- **International Border**
- **Authority and Partners**
- **Planning and Exercising**
- **Credential Recognition**
- **Resource Capabilities**
- **Cross Border Efforts and Accomplishments**

[-http://earthalerts.manyjourneys.com/web/](http://earthalerts.manyjourneys.com/web/)

Pan Border Council Jurisdictions







Authority

- Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement (PNEMA)
- Washington – British Columbia MOU to Share and Protect Health Information to Assure Prompt and Effective Identification of Infectious Disease and Other Public Health Threats
- British Columbia Tripartite Framework Agreement on First Nations Health Governance
- **Cross Border Ambulance Reciprocity Policy/Procedure**

Authority

- ***Operational Plan for Moving Emergency Medical Service Staff and Resources Across the Washington and British Columbia Border***
http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1400/Wa-BC-EMS_Agreement.pdf
- **International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding (IEMAC)**
- **Letter of Intent between the United States, Mexico, and Canada to assist one another during a public health emergency**

Partners

- **United States and Canada Pan Border Preparedness Council (PBPPHC)** <http://www.pbphpc.org/>
- **Pacific Northwest Border Health Alliance (PNWBHA)** <http://www.pnwbha.org/>
- **Great Lakes Border Health Initiative (GLBHI)**
http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-54783_54875---,00.html
- **Eastern Border Health Initiative (EBHI)**
http://www.pnwbha.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/EBHI_2_202927_7.pdf

Planning and Exercising

- **PNWBHA** <http://www.pnwbha.org>
 - 9/11 Memorial Ride & Service
 - Evergreen Quake Exercise 2012/2014
 - EMS and Auxiliary Transport Matrix
 - 2010 Olympics & Paralympics

- **GLBHI**

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- **EBHI**

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Credential Recognition

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- **Process and policy**
- **British Columbia Ambulance Service, Emergency Health Services Act**
- **Internal, wildland fire, FEMA Ambulance Contract, confirmed credential status**

Resource Capabilities

- **Pacific Northwest Border Health Alliance EMS Resources List** <http://www.pnwbha.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Cross-Border-EMS-Resources-08-30-2012-PNEMA.pdf> (attached)
- **EMS and Auxiliary Transport Matrix and Facts** <http://www.pnwbha.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/EMS-and-Auxiliary-Transport-Fact-Sheet-09-04-12-Statewide.pdf> (attached)
- **Communicating cross borders**
 - **Cross-band, FM, Common freq chips, Federal**

Cross Border Accomplishments

- **Addresses CDC/PHP CAPABILITY 10:
Medical Surge, Functions 2 & 3**
- **USCBP and CBSA Border Crossing
Procedure/Checklist** http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1400/Wa-BC-EMS_Agreement.pdf
- **Functional exercise 2012, 2010 Olympics,
Table Top Exercise Feb 2010**

Cross Border Accomplishments

- **BC and Washington Train the Trainer 2008 - 2009: 155 staff trained**
- **Model Plan for states, provinces, and territories (4 1/2 pages)**
- **Build upon existing response plans e.g. CEMP, Hospital, Public Health etc.**

Next Steps

- **Communicate this information to your partners**
- **Build and update your capabilities with your partners**
- **New ideas and resources**
- **Beyond the Border Initiative (S.J. RES. 44)**

<http://www.pnwbha.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/BILLS-112sjres44rfh.pdf>

Develop Relationships

- **Annual Cross-Border Conference**
- **Job Exchange**
- **Regular Conference Calls**
 - **Planning**
 - **Real Incident**
- **Exercising Together**



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