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Water is beautiful. Water is sacred. Water is life.

That is what we are taught. That is what we believe. And so the tribal traditions persist, and knowledge systems thrive in tribal communities. Water has enabled tribes to survive for thousands of years. Indeed, the reverence for water and its blessings continue to support and shape the tribal political, social, economic, and cultural climate in Indian communities throughout the United States. Today, water remains vital for tribal self-sufficiency, economic development, and providing security for present and future generations.