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I love that we can swim in clean water in Vermont, and catch healthy fish out of the lakes and rivers. Every time I go to my special fishing spot with my friends, it makes me feel more joy in my body than I did before.

I enjoy fishing at lakes and rivers in Vermont's environment, rivers and waterfalls with my grandpa and family and friends. I use it to calm me down when I am too excited or when I am stressed. I go hiking with my family and friends and find mushrooms that are edible and cook them sometimes with fish and crawfish. That's how I enjoy Vermont's environment.

The thing I care most about in Vermont's environment is the fish (as you can probably tell by all the things I said about fishing) but i also care a lot about the trees, bugs and animals. My dad's grandma would kill a fly and would pray for it. That was probably one of the only things she killed in her lifetime.

Earth day to me means that we care for the next generation. We can still change this and the fight for Vermont's environment is not over yet. We all need to stand up to help heal the Earth.

My concerns for Vermont are that I have two factories near my house burning some sort of smoke all day and night. There are also a lot of houses by me that keep their lights on all night. That's definitely not healthy so people of Vermont make sure you turn off your light when you're not using them. For all the factory people I know I can't do much but please think about the environment before you do bad things that will hurt the earth.

Vermont's changing environment impacts us in many ways. If someone makes a factory and burns a lot of fossil fuels it can cause this to hurt winter sports. It can make there be less or no snow so we can't ski or sled. It can also hurt animals as ticks on their body won't die if it doesn't get cold enough. It could also hurt farming because if the animals won't have enough food they will try to eat the food from the crops. Then we won't have any food for a lot of people.

To protect Vermont's environment we need to burn less fossil fuels and keep them in the ground. If we want to have a clean environment for the next children we have to start thinking before we do something bad to the environment. Throw trash into the trash bins so we can keep swimming in the nice clean water that Vermont has. We can also plant trees to have less carbon in the air. At school on remote we have been doing a thing called Wild Treasures. We are learning about climate change and things like how the earth works. Thank you for this opportunity to let us tell you how we can help the environment in Vermont.