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THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON TOZHU REINDEER HERDERS IN SOUTHERN SIBERIA

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The reindeer herding Tozhu are one of the last remaining nomadic peoples of southern Siberia. Like many indigenous peoples, their environment is being impacted by climate change. This paper examines the negative impact climate change has had on Tozhu herders' traditional mixed economy. Although they report that climate change is not a serious threat for their way of life this study, based on interviews, illustrates that climate change puts pressure on their already vulnerable situation. I argue that an increase of climate-related changes and subsequent impacts on humans and animals will make Tozhu herders more economically vulnerable.