



PERRY RIDGE WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION

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Valley Voice Submission

On February 2nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Passmore Hall, the Perry Ridge Water Users Association and the Sinixt will be conducting interviews for the documentary film *The River Report* with the help of local Ark Productions. The Association invites Slocan Valley residents to participate in these interviews and tell the river story by sharing their observations of changes in the river and the creeks that feed both the Slocan and Little Slocan River Drainages. We also invite residents who have observed any changes at the the north end of the valley around Slocan Lake.

It is important that the river changes, as observed by those of us who have a close relationship with the river, speak on its behalf. *The River Report* will include scientific observations by the late Dr. Tony Salway, Terrain Specialist, Dr. Nathan Goodale, Archaeologist, Apex Terrain, Dr. June Ryder and Steve Chatwin.

We are also interested in local information about fisheries, The film will include some of Dr. McPhail's presentation from BC Rivers Day 2010 as well as contemporary fisheries information in both river systems.

The documentary will feature the beautiful aerial river images by local photographer Lucas Jmieff last May at high water. The impacts identified by scientists and local residents are visible in these unique photographs.

The final version of the documentary will be going to all levels of government and be posted to our website as a U tube documentary film. The Association is getting a legal opinion regarding a class action law suit based on the threat of sedimentation and flooding from logging the headwater areas of the Slocan Valley and the danger it poses to residents.

Climate change has exacerbated the threat of flooding and Kim Green's press release "[Deforestation in snowy regions causes more floods](#)" printed in the prestigious American Geophysical Union WRR (Water Resource Research) can be viewed at http://www.agu.org/news/press/pr_archives/2012/2012-43.shtml

For anyone interested in being interviewed about their observations of water changes in the Slocan Valley please contact the Perry Ridge Water Users Association at 1-250-226-7324 or by e-mail marilynburgoon@hotmail.com to set up an interview time on the 2nd. We are willing to make other arrangements for interviews if Feb. 2nd is not convenient for any residents interested in participating.

Tea & Coffee and baked goods will be served throughout the day. The Perry Ridge Water Users Association and Sinixt Nation look forward to community involvement in the rivers' story of change.