

YES to JUMBO WILD

NO to GLACIER/HOWSER HYDROELECTRIC

CLEAN? GREEN? LOCAL? SMALL?
NOT SO!

NOT RUN OF THE RIVER. The river no longer runs. Ruin of the River! The water is diverted from the creeks directly to Duncan Lake never to return to the creeks. The lower 12 km. of Glacier Creek and lower 10 ½ km. of Howser Creek will have little water left.

NOT JUMBO FRIENDLY. This project wants to transmit its electricity across the rugged Purcell Mountains all the way to the Invermere substation. Is it a coincidence that just up the road Jumbo Glacier resort would get power from this same substation? We think not. Save Jumbo Wild! Shut down their power source!

NOT EAST CREEK FRIENDLY. The proponent holds the water license for East Creek, the largest unprotected completely pristine valley in the southern inland rainforest. The valley is filled with ancient forest, wildlife and magnificent Bugaboo scenery. East Creek is key to Valhalla Society's new Selkirk Mountain Caribou Park proposal and the Wilderness Committee's Bugaboo National Park proposal. A road into this valley for hydroelectric exploitation would open the valley to logging and mining. Once the transmission line is built, East Creek could be quickly developed.

NOT LOCAL. 3986314 Canada Inc., affiliated to AXOR Group, Inc. of Montreal, is the sole proponent holding all water licenses with all directors residing in Quebec. So who is Glacier Power B.C. and what are their interests? Good question!

NOT SUSTAINABLE. Once the glaciers have melted away how much water will be left to feed the turbines?

NOT OLD GROWTH FRIENDLY. The 91.5 km. transmission line cuts a 25-30+ meter swathe across the Purcell Mountains permanently destroying hundreds of acres of forests. This line tears through 23 km. of completely unroaded pristine habitat. This includes the upper Howser Creek Old Growth area off limits to logging and Edouard and Stockdale Creeks set aside by Canfor as a forest reserve in their plans for Forest Stewardship Certification.

NOT CARBON NEUTRAL. Think about how much polluting energy it will take to drill 16 km. of tunnels 3 x 3.5 meters wide through the mountains then haul away the equivalent of 31,800 tandem axle dump truck loads of waste rock muck. The permanent destruction of hundreds of acres of forest will release an astonishing amount of carbon into the atmosphere. Scientists are finding that our temperate rainforests store many times more carbon than tropical rainforests.

NOT BULL TROUT FRIENDLY. Bull Trout are blue-listed --vulnerable to extirpation or extinction. They are extremely sensitive to habitat degradation. Healthy populations presently thrive in Glacier and Howser Creeks. This hydroelectric project destroys Bull Trout habitat.

NOT GRIZZLY BEAR FRIENDLY. It is now well documented that the Central Purcell Grizzly Bears cannot withstand any more development in this region. The transmission line will bisect the Northern Purcell Mountains for the first time impeding all wildlife movement, especially for the blue-listed Grizzlies. The proposed 25 new roads will also disrupt wildlife.

NOT SMALL. Not microhydro, this is a \$240-300 million project generating up to 125MW.

NOT RECREATION FRIENDLY. Remember the biologists trying to somehow mitigate for damage to Grizzlies due to construction of the Jumbo Glacier resort? Recommendations to shut down roads and keep all of us out from the surrounding valleys may still come to pass. These are precisely the valleys in which this hydroelectric project plans to build 25 new roads and 91.5 km. of transmission line. Some mitigation! Also, one of these permanent roads is an extension of the Birnam Creek Road heavily impacting the incredible MacBeth Icefield Trail with a dam, reservoir and tunneling.

NOT CLEAN. 31,800 tandem axle dump truck loads of waste rock muck from the 16 km. of tunneling are proposed to be piled near the creeks and lake. Yuck!

NOT PEOPLE FRIENDLY. Tragically, 2300 people were displaced from the previous Columbia basin dam building. The Grabowski family of Glacier Creek feel unsafe living along the creek below a flimsy dam and reservoir. They may be only the first among many displaced families this time around. We support our neighbours, the Grabowskis, in their fight for their home.

NOT PUBLIC FRIENDLY. This private energy project is part of the B.C. Liberal scheme for the privatization of B.C. Hydro. B.C. Hydro is becoming a buyer of electricity from private interests rather than a generator of power for the public good. We benefit from public power with some of the lowest rates in North America. With the 2006 Call for Power, the program in which this project was accepted, 8.1% was effectively added to our hydro bills.

NO PUBLIC CONSULTATION OR REVIEW. Dozens of licenses for power generation have already been issued in our region alone. Development of these will create a maze of transmission lines crisscrossing our region and huge diversions of water. All of this with no public consultation and without a review of the combined environmental impacts of all these proposed projects.

WHAT WE CAN DO

- **EDUCATE THE PUBLIC.** Talk with your neighbours, friends, and colleagues about these issues. Write letters to the editors. Print this flyer (recycled paper please) and distribute it everywhere.
- **EDUCATE THE POLITICIANS AND POLITICAL PARTIES.** Write and phone...
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- **PARTICIPATE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS.** The project is in the early stages of the Environmental Review Process. There is no clear

timeline but there will be a 30 day public comment period coming up. Be there, be strong, be vocal in what you want for the Jumbo area.

- **SIGN AND DISTRIBUTE THE PETITION.** Coming soon.
- **SIGN UP FOR E-MAIL UPDATES.** Contact us at: wildedouard@yahoo.ca
- **DONATE.** PAW is a group of willing volunteers for wilderness issues in Argenta and Johnsons Landing. We have no budget, no grants. Any help our neighbors wish to give is gratefully accepted.

CONSERVE DON'T DESTROY

For a more detailed critique go to www.inlandtemperaterainforest.org or contact us. Don't be fooled by the Glacier Power BC website. Their project description is very different from the actual project description submitted to the government. The actual description is at

http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca/epic/output/html/epic_project_home_282.html

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