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Dear Sirs,

Re: AXOR's application to build a hydroelectric plant on the Duncan Reservoir (the Glacier-Howser Project)

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My concerns regarding the proposal are many but I will focus on the lack of foresight by the powers that be and their inability to respond to current trends. I ask when will our "Leaders" take a larger view of environmental and climatic trends and take adequate steps to actually address these very serious issues.

I can't help wonder if the Jumbo Ski Resort development isn't at least partly driving the demand for more power development in a valley that is already experiencing power short falls due to excessive uncontrolled development.

At a time when the world is struggling to come to grips with climate change, serious loss of bio-diversity, and environmental degradation it makes no sense to add to the equation. This "green project" in no way is green if the power produced is used on wasteful and destructive projects and in wasteful ways. The transmission lines slice the Purcell Wilderness in a way that will effect wildlife and the conservancy by; 1. The act of construction causing disruption and no doubt loss of wildlife by habitat degradation and even the odd "problem bear" being shot. 2. Tree removal and corridor maintenance will allow invasive species and provide an unnatural predator corridor, the latter being cited as a contributing factor in the continuing demise of the South Purcell Caribou populations. Maintenance will continue in perpetuity! 3. In fact one of the Jumbo proposal suggestions is to entirely close this very area of the power line location to human access in order to mitigate the impact on Grizzly and Caribou populations due to the ski area development!

Recently the president of BC Hydro stated that "if government would fully implement measures of energy conservation there would be no need for further power plant development for 30 years in British Columbia". However our "Leaders" continue to opt for the easy out of status quo and mindless development. When will the bigger picture of reducing our carbon footprint and acting as responsible citizens of a global community take precedence?

I ask why measures of energy conservation can't be implemented thereby reducing the need for such developments. At some time we must come to grips with our wasteful behavior, why not begin now? The public is primed, many are aware of the serious nature of changing our world and expect leadership and action, where is it?

Please encourage energy conservation, present a plan and educate the public as to the serious importance of action. Only then will damaging projects such as these proposals cease to be required.

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