

ETERNALLY BEAUTIFUL.



INSTANTLY COMPROMISED.

The east side of Columbia Lake.  
A natural sanctuary and storied  
landscape of stunning beauty.  
Let's keep it that way.

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COLUMBIA LAKE



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### THE PLACE:

The spectacular east side of Columbia Lake, from storied shoreline to majestic mountaintop. Here, there are no humans. Instead the east shore is home to bighorn sheep, cougar, coyotes, elk, deer, bear, migratory birds, and birds of prey, and is rich with many other species. A natural sanctuary, this area encompasses rare grasslands, endangered plants, and offers important habitat for many animal species. In fact, the Provincial Government considered this treasured area so important, it designated over 18,000 acres as a wildlife management area and provincial park.



### THE PROBLEM:

A huge resort has been proposed on the east side of Columbia lake. This is another development by Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Ltd., and would include a hotel, residential housing and golf course. Should this development occur, it would compromise the beauty and important wildlife protection offered on Columbia Lake's east side. The road construction and access road will damage the ecosystem and peaceful enjoyment of residents and compromise the water quality. As well, it would forever change the natural landscape.

Stones can't speak. Trees can't talk.  
Water can't write. Animals can't act.

YOU CAN!



### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Raise your voice! Let officials know you support a return to the original zoning and you believe development in and near this environmentally significant and sensitive area would destroy its inherent natural values. Let them know you want to 'Keep It Wild' and 'Keep It Kootenay.'



Voice your support for RDEK bylaws 1880 and 1881

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