

Wildsight - Golden Branch Survey Fall 2010/Spring 2011

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Collection: November 2010 – Spring 2011

Surveys completed: 21

Wildsight - Golden Branch Strategic Planning

We asked Golden Branch members to provide their input to help guide the branch directors in the development of the 2011 strategic plan for the branch using this online tool. Feedback was received through scoring priorities as well as written comments. Below are the results of the 19 surveys collected in November 2010. We have extended this survey in the hopes of receiving more completed surveys are welcoming input until June 1st, 2011.

1. IPPs (Independent Power Producers) are proposing to develop run-of-river projects all across BC. Many of these projects have the potential to cause serious environmental impacts, erasing any claim to being a 'green' source of power. As of November 2010, there were 622 active water license applications to produce run-of-river hydro power in BC. Dozens of these projects are proposed to occur in the Kootenay/Columbia Region, 24 located just north of Golden. Our Branch is opposing the IPP development proposals on the pristine Ventego Creek, Cupola Creek, and the pristine upper Wood River.
<http://www.wildsight.ca/program/rivers-risk>

Results

low priority	medium-low priority	medium priority	medium-high priority	high priority
4.8% (1)	4.8% (1)	4.8% (1)	19.0% (4)	66.7% (14)

Rating Average: 4.38

2. RESPONSIBLE BACKCOUNTRY RECREATION - Motorized recreational vehicles can cause damage to sensitive riparian and alpine areas. Our Wildsight Branch Golden is piloting a responsible recreation project which involves information gathering, dialogue with community members, and education.

Results

low priority	medium-low priority	medium priority	medium-high priority	high priority
0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	33.3% (7)	61.9% (13)

Rating Average: 4.57

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3. RIPARIAN AREA REGULATIONS - The surrounding area of Golden (CSRD) doesn't currently have any laws in place protecting riparian areas from inappropriate development, despite a provincial mandate. Riparian areas are the areas bordering on streams, lakes, and wetlands that link water to land. The blend of streambed, water, trees, shrubs and grasses directly influences and provides fish habitat. Protecting this riparian fish habitat, while facilitating urban development that exhibits high standards of environmental stewardship, is a priority for the Government of British Columbia. Good quality streamside habitat is essential for ensuring healthy fish populations.

Results

low priority	medium-low priority	medium priority	medium-high priority	high priority
0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	14.3% (3)	9.5% (2)	71.4% (15)

Rating Average: 4.48

4. RESTORATION AT HORSE CREEK - Horse Creek from Hwy 95 towards the confluence with the Columbia River is seeing some degradation caused by a variety of non-natural sources. The Branch has a vision of creating an interpretive site, protecting the area from damage caused by motor vehicles, and rehabilitating this area of Horse Creek.

Results

low priority	medium-low priority	medium priority	medium-high priority	high priority
0.0% (0)	14.3% (3)	33.3% (7)	42.9% (9)	9.5% (2)

Rating Average: 3.48

5. INVASIVE PLANTS include any vegetation that is non-native and takes over areas where it formerly did not occur, pushing out local native plant populations and affecting the dynamic balance of our local ecosystems. Working on controlling and educating about invasive plants is something our Golden Branch has been involved with.

Results

low priority	medium-low priority	medium priority	medium-high priority	high priority
0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	42.9% (9)	47.6% (10)	4.8% (1)

Rating Average: 3.52

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6. COSMETIC PESTICIDES - Recently, a by-law in Golden was passed banning the use of cosmetic pesticides. Education about the use of pesticides and the new by-law would inform the public of the inherent health and environmental risks of the use of pesticides and the new by-law changes.

Results

low priority	medium-low priority	medium priority	medium-high priority	high priority
9.5% (2)	14.3% (3)	19.0% (4)	33.3% (7)	23.8% (5)

Rating Average: 3.48

7. EDUCATION PROGRAMS - Golden's Wildsight Branch has been offering our own unique school children programs and field trips about bird watching, the Kokanee salmon, healthy lawn & gardens, and more. These are delivered by local environmental educators.

Results

low priority	medium-low priority	medium priority	medium-high priority	high priority
0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	28.6% (6)	66.7% (14)

Rating Average: 4.62

8. CONSERVING WILD PLACES - Special management areas and other designations have been identified on our landscape yet little work has been done to help plants and animals thrive. Our Branch could work more on creating a plan to conserve wild places in our area.

Results

low priority	medium-low priority	medium priority	medium-high priority	high priority
0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	14.3% (3)	28.6% (6)	57.1% (12)

Rating Average: 4.43

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9. ENERGY CONSERVATION - Wildsight Golden Branch could be working on an energy conservation campaign in an effort to reduce the amount of energy used locally. This would reduce a need for energy as well as reduced pollution.

Results

low priority	medium-low priority	medium priority	medium-high priority	high priority
14.3% (3)	4.8% (1)	33.3% (7)	9.5% (2)	38.1% (8)

Rating Average: 3.52

10. COLUMBIA WETLANDS - The Columbia Wetlands is home of countless creatures, refuge of threatened species, and resting point for migrating birds. Wildsight (Regional) is working to create layers of long-term protection for the Columbia Wetlands and its watersheds. We are working with recreationalists, biologists, conservationists, community groups and government to ensure this treasure is protected into the future.

Results

low priority	medium-low priority	medium priority	medium-high priority	high priority
0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	4.8% (1)	90.5% (19)

Rating Average: 4.86

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Summarized Results

21 surveys completed

#	Name	Rating	low priority	medium- low priority	medium priority	medium- high priority	high priority
1	Columbia Wetlands	4.86	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	4.8% (1)	90.5% (19)
2	Education Programs	4.62	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	28.6% (6)	66.7% (14)
3	Responsible Backcountry Recreation	4.57	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	33.3% (7)	61.9% (13)
4	Riparian Area Regulations	4.48	0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	14.3% (3)	9.5% (2)	71.4% (15)
5	Conserving Wild Places	4.43	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	14.3% (3)	28.6% (6)	57.1% (12)
6	IPPs	4.38	4.8% (1)	4.8% (1)	4.8% (1)	19.0% (4)	66.7% (14)
7/8	Invasive Plants	3.52	0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	42.9% (9)	47.6% (10)	4.8% (1)
7/8	Energy Conservation	3.52	14.3% (3)	4.8% (1)	33.3% (7)	9.5% (2)	38.1% (8)
9/10	Restoration at Horse Creek	3.48	0.0% (0)	14.3% (3)	33.3% (7)	42.9% (9)	9.5% (2)
9/10	Cosmetic Pesticides	3.48	9.5% (2)	14.3% (3)	19.0% (4)	33.3% (7)	23.8% (5)