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FRASER HEADWATERS ALLIANCE LAUNCHES NEW GOAT RIVER WEBSITE

The Fraser Headwaters Alliance has launched a new website to help protect the upper Goat River watershed. The site, www.savethegoat.ca, was put up recently in response to news that McBride Forest Industries has started road construction in this pristine watershed, located in the Cariboo Mountains west of McBride, BC.

At 35,000 hectares, the upper Goat is one of the largest remaining undeveloped, unprotected watersheds in the Fraser Headwaters region and provides ecosystem connectivity between Bowron Lake Provincial Park and the Rocky Mountain Trench. With vast areas of old-growth forest, crystal clear water, and critical habitat for species such as grizzly bears, Chinook salmon and endangered mountain caribou, the upper Goat is a rare gem.

The upper Goat is also home to the Historic Goat River Trail, a route between Barkerville and the Fraser River originally cleared in 1886 during the Cariboo Gold Rush and recently re-established as a hiking destination by the Fraser Headwaters Alliance.

Visitors to the new website can access background information on the watershed, learn about government planning processes, and voice their opinion using the site's interactive 'Take Action' page. The site's designers hope to keep the content as current as possible and welcome suggestions to make the site more effective.

With the recent news of development moving ahead in the upper Goat, the Fraser Headwaters Alliance will step up its campaign to protect the watershed considerably over the coming months. For more information on the fight to save the upper Goat, contact Roy Howard or Taylor Bachrach at (250) 968-4490 or email us at roy@fraserheadwaters.org.