



The Sn[^]ayckstx (Sinixt)
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the Colville Reservation

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Sinixt Confederacy and Colville Tribes Call for Environmental Impact Assessment of Proposed Zincton Resort

NESPELEM WA – Jarred-Michael Erickson, Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Sinixt Confederacy, is supporting the call for a full Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed Zincton all-season resort:

This proposed project is going to be built on high quality wildlife habitat within a critical wildlife corridor between two major parks. Our preliminary internal review has raised a number of concerns, including potential impacts to blue-listed species such as wolverine and grizzly bear. Further, the proponent's Environmental Overview Report does not consider the cumulative impacts of both the proposed Controlled Recreation Area and the associated development of private property associated with the project. A thorough assessment is clearly required.

The Zincton proposed project is located in the London Ridge area between New Denver and Kaslo in southeastern British Columbia in the heart of Sinixt traditional territory. Chairman Erickson's letter of February 8, 2024 to Ministers is appended to this release.

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,354 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlámxəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǎ'y?ilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk^{wəx} (grass in the water) or Entiat; snšáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx^wu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx^w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənpš^wilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq^wáwsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.

About the Sinixt Confederacy:

Formerly known as the Arrow Lakes Aboriginal Society, the Confederacy has been established to represent snšáyckstx people on both sides of the international border, regardless of tribal or band affiliation, in a manner consistent with Indigenous law and traditions.

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