



Goat River Water Sustainability Planning Project Update

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Spring Update

Winter Conversations and What's Next

This newsletter shares what we heard from winter conversations with farmers and food producers across the Goat River Watershed, including challenges related to timing, infrastructure, and system performance.

These insights are helping shape upcoming discussions with the Province and yaqan nu?kiy on water management in the watershed.

A What We Heard report will be shared in the coming months.

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Feature Story



Producer Insights on Water

Timing and system challenges

As Gen Bergeron's producer engagement work wraps up, we want to recognize the time and care that farmers and food producers across the Creston Valley shared over the past few months. Through one on one conversations on farms, at markets and farm stands, Gen heard directly how water is shaping day to day decisions for farmers.

What we heard is that challenges are not only about overall supply, but about timing, infrastructure, and how systems are working. Many producers described having enough water earlier in the season, but not when it is most needed later in the summer. Others spoke about leaks, aging infrastructure, and the limits of moving water where it is needed.

At the same time, producers are adapting in practical ways, from improving irrigation systems to adjusting crop timing and building soil moisture. There is a strong sense that improving how existing systems function could make a meaningful difference.

If you are a farmer or food producer and have not yet connected with us, reach out to Camille to connect or find out where to share your perspectives:

[Send Camille an Email](#)

What's Happening Next



Conversations and More Engagement

The planning team will be meeting with the Province and yaqan nu?kiy from May through October to continue discussions on water management solutions in the Goat River Watershed.

These conversations are focused on building a shared understanding of:

- Current water conditions across the watershed
- Roles and responsibilities in water management
- Key pressures, challenges, and priorities
- Information gaps and areas for further study

As part of this work, we will be engaging residents again. Updates and opportunities to get involved will be shared through this newsletter and on the [Engage page](#).

Did You Know?



KBFA Irrigation Resources

The Kootenay & Boundary Farm Advisors (KBFA) offers practical resources on irrigation and soil water management, including ways to improve efficiency and retain moisture on the land

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