

MEDIA ADVISORY

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WET'SUWET'EN SOLIDARITY & CLIMATE JUSTICE EVENT

FRIDAY FEB. 21, 8:30 a.m.

Connecticut River, Lyman Bridge, Lebanon, NH

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Lebanon NH: On Friday, Feb. 21 at 8:30 a.m. an international alliance of land and water protectors will join Extinction Rebellion Upper Valley (XRUV) on the Lyman Bridge, Lebanon NH to show solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en nation and raise public awareness about the climate crisis.

The Wet'suwet'en nation in Canada is resisting mining, logging, agricultural expansion and pipelines on Indigenous territories. In recent weeks, the movement has increased its blockade of rail, highways and ports to focus attention on the Coastal Gas Link pipeline.

The international alliance will join XRUV on the Connecticut River bridge to expose the negative impacts of the Canadian hydropower industry on communities, rivers and forests. The alliance includes members of Wa Ni Ska Tan (meaning 'Rise Up' in the Cree language), leaders from Pimikicamak territory, the Labrador Land Protectors and the North American Megadam Resistance Alliance.

About 25% of Vermont's electricity is from megadams in Canada, 1,000 miles away. Almost one-third of the electricity Hydro-Quebec sells to the U.S. originates on unceded Innu First

Nation land. New hydropower transmission corridors-- long extension cords -- are proposed to bring "blood megawatts" from Canada through Vermont, Maine and New York.

XRUV meets monthly (upcoming meeting Sunday, 2/23 at Hartland VT Public Library) and one member stands on the Lyman Bridge with others every Friday at 8:30 a.m. to hold signs about the climate crisis. XRUV is also raising awareness about the climate impacts of the Bow NH coal plant and Dartmouth College's proposed wood-burning biomass incinerator.

For more information:

Wet'suwet'en Solidarity www.unistoten.camp

North American Megadam Resistance Alliance www.northeastmegadamresistance.org

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