



# Kinnikinnick Native Plant

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## **Grouse Mountain Compliance Project**

The Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society wishes to comment on some aspects of the proposed project that have potential to affect native plants and their habitats.

The road re-reroute should help with sedimentation, and we strongly encourage that as supporters of a healthy riparian and aquatic floral ecosystems. We ask that the new route be carefully surveyed for sensitive native plant species prior to final route selection and any sensitive species be avoided.

We anticipate that the work done to put roads into storage will require a lot of ground disturbance (machines to extract culverts, etc.). Care needs to be taken to minimize introducing weeds with the work. Experience shows that an introduced noxious weed is almost impossible to extirpate from its new location.

We encourage follow-up monitoring and weed removal for several years after equipment has been removed. Anything less will leave stored roads with a lot of noxious invasive weeds.

In summary, while supporting the project, we encourage treatment of existing weeds, care not to introduce more and monitoring afterwards as part of this plan.

Sincerely,

Rae Charlton, President