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METHOW WATERSHED COUNCIL TO HOST PRESENTATION BY CHRIS KONRAD ON HYDRAULIC CONTINUITY

The Methow Watershed Council is pleased to announce a free public presentation on hydraulic continuity by Chris Konrad, Research Hydrologist with US Geological Survey. The presentation will be given at the Methow Valley Community Center on Thursday, October 12, 6-8 p.m. The title of the presentation is "Visible and Invisible Rivers: Hydraulic continuity between streamflow and groundwater in the Methow Valley."

"Hydraulic continuity" is an important concept for both understanding and managing water in the Methow watershed. It express the connection between the amount of water at one place to the amount of water in another place. Hydraulic continuity is the reason that water is a shared resource. Nearly anything we care about in the Methow watershed depends on water: snow for skiing, soil moisture for trees, groundwater for domestic uses and irrigation, streamflow for fish and recreation. Water connects each of our most important concerns to the concerns of others - which leads to both conflict over uses of water but also collaboration across the community to preserve and protect shared values. In either case, an accurate understanding of how water flows through the watershed is a starting point for acknowledging how our values affect others and working through the hard issues.

The presentation is the first in a series of talks by subject matter experts to be hosted by the Methow Watershed Council this fall/winter as part of its ongoing public education and outreach efforts.

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