

Issues and Programming
KLCB
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Voices of the Kootenai

Issue: Formation of Library District. The issue is the proposal of the County Commissioners to cut library funding for the three county libraries. A group has formed led by the Director of Libraries to fund the existing libraries by the establishment of a Library District. This would mean the county's 3mil tax to run the libraries would be replaced by a separate 10mil assessment. It goes to the primary ballot in June. The group has declined our outreach and invitation to do in-depth 15 minute interview(s) on the topic.

Issue: Housing Crisis in Libby. The issue is a shortage of affordable housing in town, driven by homeless population and the influx of out of state new comers who can afford available high priced housing leaving many lower income individuals living in substandard housing or sleeping on public property, some in their vehicles. The situation has led to the establishment of a citizens group assembled to find solutions to the problems of crisis housing. The group has declined our outreach and invitation to do in-depth 15 minute interview(s) on the topic.

These are the two issues currently facing the community.

Signed: Duane Williams

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