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McCloud group to host water forum

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The McCloud Water Commons, a group of citizens concerned about the proposed Nestle water bottling project in McCloud, will host a Water Forum this Saturday, November 13th, from 3 to 8 p.m. at McCloud High School.

McCloud Water Commons' press release states that "the Water Forum will inform the community of potential impacts" of the proposed Nestle project.

The forum will comprise structured presentations and community discussion. Those attending are encouraged to bring comments, concerns and questions.

Presentations will be offered by community members, hydrologists, an economist, the president of a community organization active in the successful opposition to a Nestle project in Michigan and representatives from the Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center and Cal Trout.

Caleen Sisk-Franco and Mark Franco of the Winnemem Wintu will conduct welcoming ceremonies and speak on the traditional values of water and their relationship to the springs and the larger bodies of water into which they flow.

According to the release, topics to be addressed at the forum include traffic, pollution, waste water, groundwater depletion and contamination, Environmental Impact Report, bore holes, springs, pipes, noise, water tables, property values, drought, manufacturing, tourism, the economy, sustainable industries, fishing, recreation and more.