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# Building Capacity for Rural Climate Adaptation

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 @ 1:00pm CST

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## ABSTRACT

This webinar includes two presentations exploring climate change and rural communities: *Indicators of Community Climate Adaptation: Results and Lessons from the Columbia Basin*, presented by Lauren Rethoret, and *Lessons from a Decade of Adaptation*, presented by Ingrid Liepa. Throughout this webinar, the presenters will share reflections on supporting adaptation work in rural communities, including lessons for policy-makers and practitioners. You'll also learn about innovative climate adaptation initiatives including the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institutes's State of Climate Adaptation project, and Columbia Basin Trust's Climate Action Program. These initiatives have helped communities better understand their climate vulnerabilities, adopt rurally-relevant policies and practices, and work in collaboration with other organizations to build their capacity to adapt.

## PANELISTS



**Lauren Rethoret**, is a Researcher with the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute at Selkirk College in the Kootenay region of BC. She has led or participated in several projects aimed at better understanding climate change in southeast BC, and supporting climate adaptation in rural communities. Her other research interests include community-based resource management, landscape-level planning and sustainable infrastructure management. She holds a Master's degree in Resource and Environmental Management from Simon Fraser University.



**Ingrid Liepa**, has been involved with Columbia Basin Trust's community climate adaptation initiatives since 2007, starting out as coordinator of a year-long pilot adaptation planning process with the City of Kimberley. Over the last 10 years she has played key roles in design and delivery of climate adaptation workshops, tools and resources for and to Columbia Basin communities, and is currently the Communications and Outreach Coordinator for the Trust's Climate Action Program. Ingrid also works as an independent consultant and has a Bachelor of Environmental Studies from University of Waterloo and LLB from University of Calgary.