



Upper Similkameen Indian Band

The Upper Similkameen Indian Band is located in the upper Similkameen watershed. Their reserves are located in Princeton and Hedley. The Band membership consists of fifty-nine members with most residing on the (IR#2) Chuchuwayha reserve at Hedley, BC. The band has been very involved in the business community for the past ten years and has become one of the larger employers in the area. They are involved in a variety of endeavors including all aspects of forestry, archaeology, environmental studies as well as tourism.

The Band is very community minded and employs both native and non-native people within the various operations that come under their control. The Band employs approximately thirty-five people on a full time basis, and employees exceed one hundred during the peak summer season.

Two priorities were designated for OTDC funding, Forestry and Youth and Tourism during the development of the Hedley Mascot Mine. The mine is now fully open and includes a 200 metre Tunnel Tour. The Snaza'ist Interpretive Centre include visual and audio displays of the history of the Mascot Gold Mine, the Similkameen Valley and of the Upper Similkameen Indian Band.



The Snaza'ist Centre