

## **Gwen Barlee**



Gwen Barlee is the policy director with the Wilderness Committee. The campaign areas she works on include: species at risk, bees and pesticides, wild rivers and parks and protected areas. Gwen is a seasoned user of Freedom of Information legislation. Her FOIs, on environmental issues and Lyme disease, have resulted in hundreds of news stories and changes in government policy.

*Toad People* is an inspiring new documentary film project produced by the Wilderness Committee about people in communities across British Columbia who are taking action to save the wildlife in their backyards.

It's not just about people standing up for toads. It is about people across the province who are stepping up to protect mountain caribou, badgers, songbirds and many other species at risk. Despite having this amazing diversity of wildlife – including 1,900 species at risk – BC is one of only two provinces in Canada with no endangered species law. After *Toad People* is completed in the fall of 2016, we will be taking it on tour to educate people and mobilize them to help protect endangered species across British Columbia – which includes urging decision-makers to enact species at risk legislation in the province.

To sign the petition to save species at risk in BC visit:

<http://www.protectbiodiversity.ca/action/>

For more about the Toad People visit:

<http://toadpeople.org/>

If you would like to support the project (site closes Feb 29), visit:

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/toad-people#/>