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Mr Dell Hallett  
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Dear Mr Hallett:

As a community, we are concerned with the ongoing erosion of the south-side riverbanks along the Jock River just above the Heart's Desire weir location. Large sections of earth and trees are simply sliding into the water on a progressive basis year after year. I do not have the expertise to assess the degree to which this is natural erosion or whether it is being abetted by the raised water levels associated with the seasonal weir (or any combination thereof). Whatever the case, the steeper banks caused by the erosion are a looming safety concern and the Stonebridge Trail itself will eventually have to be moved further inland if the process cannot be halted.

I have discussed this matter with Mr B Finch from the Friends of the Jock River who shares my concerns. The Friends also has concerns that the increased silt levels in this area are adversely affecting fish spawning habitat as the rocks and gravel get buried and the entire pool above the weir gets more shallow every year.

We would therefore look to the RVCA to conduct a study or assessment of this situation *before* the weir damming process takes place this spring in the hopes that we can find a solution that best protects the river ecosystem while minimizing the erosion factor. Perhaps just lowering the weir from customary elevation levels on a trial basis for this summer to monitor results is all that is needed.

We look forward to working with you and hearing from the RVCA at your earliest convenience.  
Thank you .

Yours. truly. ,  
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