

- 71-acre watershed of prime wild rice
- 1,800 ft. elev. drop to 600 ft. elev.
- 18 rivers, creeks, brooks, streams
- 22 mile long mine



Bad River  
pop. 1060 enrolled members on reservation

# Tribal Youth Media Initiative

2007-2013



2012. TYM Bad River (ten participants ages 9-13)



2013. First Peoples Fund grant (buy HD camera, hire 3 graduates from 2012 workshop)



# OVA (Organic Video Approach)

- Bottom-up planning
- Elder epistemology
- Emphasis on spatial-visual (rather than linear-text)
- Promotes Positive Youth Development

## POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

PYD model reframes adolescence from a “time of risk” to a “time of promise” (Halverson 2010)

## SEVENTH GENERATION PHILOSOPHY



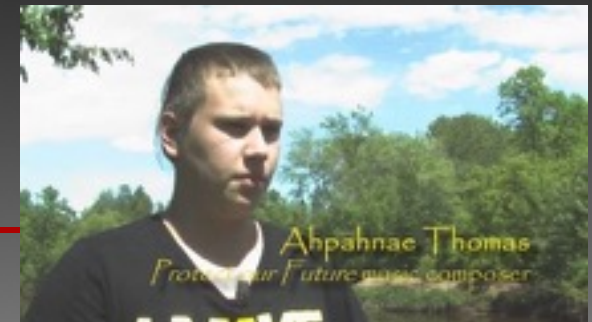
Visionary thinking... decisions made today should be in the best interests of people seven generations into the future.



- **Research** (history, culture, ecology, geology, hydrology, basic chemistry)
- **Produce** (shoot, write, narrate, edit)
- **Present** (community, film festivals, conferences)



## WE ARE THE SEVENTH GENERATION PRODUCTIONS



# *Protect Our Future:*

A collaborative effort

- Participants comment on film
- Re-edit if necessary
- Community premiere (fall 2013)
- Regional film festivals
- Free distribution via Youtube, DVDs to environmental groups, political organizations, and lawmakers

