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## **AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter**

### ***Your source for up-to-date information in the Mountain Parks***

Welcome back to the monthly AMPPE newsletter and please join me in welcoming our new Administrative Assistant Carly O'Neill! Many of you have heard from Carly in the past few weeks (or will soon:)) as she completes the annual membership renewal campaign. Sincerely, Executive Director Monica Andreeff.



## **Jasper threatens to close back-country ski trails in 2013**

Jasper National Park plans to ban back-country skiing in high elevation areas from Nov. 1 until Mar. 1 in an effort to protect woodland Caribou from predators, but the plan isn't going over well with outdoor enthusiasts. The measure will affect more than 20 percent of the park and skiers say they'll be shut out of the most popular areas for most of the season. AMPPE Executive Director Monica Andreeff comments on the issue on CBC news.

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## **New commercial radio station for The Banff Centre in the works**

The Banff Centre is seeking permission from the CRTC to launch a new exciting commercial radio station so they can share concerts, indie music, and local recordings. This will also include daily local and national newscasts and local information about Banff. "One of the aspects we are most proud of is we are going for 90 percent Canadian content," said The Banff Center producer Joe Fingerote.

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## **Special event organizers to pay Parks Canada staff fees**

Organizers of commercial special events in Banff National Park will now be required to cover the cost of any Parks Canada staff time devoted to the event — rather than the tax payers. This year's line up of special commercial events includes the June 13-16 Banff National Park Bike Fest, June 23 Banff National Park Marathon, Aug. 24 Grand-Fondo Banff, and Sept. 7 Banff Triathlon.

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## **Parks Canada infrastructure in "poor" shape across the country**

Parks Canada is warning that deteriorating heritage buildings, visitor centers and other assets in Canada's national parks and historic sites are at "significant risk" and in desperate need of repair. This is the accumulation of years and years of not being funded to the amount that they should have been funded to maintain the assets. "Canadians are going to arrive at a historic site or national park and quickly realize it's not the experience they think their tax dollars are going to," says Eddie Kennedy the Executive Vice President of the Union of National Employees.

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## **Watch CBC's The Nature of Things: "Billion Dollar Caribou"**

This CBC program The Nature of Things takes a deeper look into the bigger issue threatening the conservation of Canada's woodland caribou. David Suzuki shows how oil, gas and timber harvesting companies are occupying 90 percent of the caribou habitat in Northern Alberta. Very little is being done to seriously implement land use guidelines that protect these animals.

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