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AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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AMPPE continues to spread a responsible message of balance in decision-making between sustainable tourism, ecological integrity and visitor experience. Don't miss recent TV and newspaper stories in our "AMPPE in the News" section of the website. Help communicate the AMPPE message to friends, associates and visitors to strengthen our impact in the mountain parks! Sincerely, Monica Andreeff, Executive Director.



GranFondo cycling event faces environmental challenges

"We are super sensitive to the fact we are in the wildlife's home," says Kevin Thomson, president and co-founder of GranFondo Canada in this Calgary Herald article. The event has a wildlife interaction response plan that was approved by Parks Canada only after an extensive review. Special events have always been part of Parks Canada's mandate, however environmentalists say the event is an unnecessary activity. Be sure to check out the link to the CBC-TV news story.

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Environment Minister Peter Kent
Photo by Sean Kilpatrick, The Canadian Press

Businesses near National Parks may face Government fees

To offset upkeep and operating costs, Environment Minister Peter Kent talked about potential fees for businesses near national parks, historic sites and canals run by Parks Canada. "There are quite a few beneficiaries...who pay absolutely nothing for the privilege of operating those businesses", he said in this article by The Canadian Press. Canmore Mayor John Borrowman speaks out against the idea of any fees being levied against their businesses.

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Emerald Lake in
Yoho National Park

Parks Canada reaches agreement to groom Yoho x-country ski trails

Business owners and local ski clubs have made a one-year agreement with Parks Canada to save ski trails. "It's about half of the track that we provided a year ago, but ... it's a terrific compromise," said Environment Minister Peter Kent. Parks Canada track-setting equipment will be used by local volunteers and businesses including Emerald Lake Lodge, Kicking Horse Ski Club and Emerald Sports & Gifts.

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Bear 64 Fed by Tourists on Vermillion Lakes drive in Banff

"A fed bear is a dead bear!" This month park officials were shocked by a report that tourists in a van owned by Bestcan Tours were throwing food at Bear 64 and her cubs. It is unlikely that any charges will be laid because they were unable to identify the individual that lured the bear. The driver confirmed that they were Chinese nationals that have now left the country. The public should report any suspicious activity to wardens at 403-762-1470 or 1-888-WARDENS.

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Tracey Thiessen, Executive Director for
Mountain Parks with Parks Canada

National Parks Threatened? Alberta Prime Time TV Debate

On July 26th Alberta Prime Time TV hosted a debate between Tracey Thiessen, Executive Director for Mountain Parks with Parks Canada and Kelly Sloan, Executive Director of Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society-Northern AB Chapter. While Sloan challenges that our national parks are under threat from too much development, Thiessen maintains that Parks Canada is a world leader when it comes to conservation and responsible projects can help attract more visitors.

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