

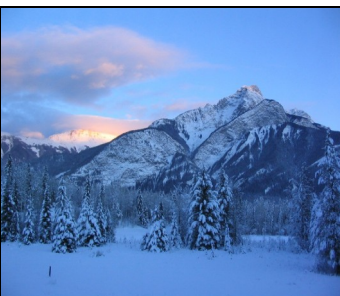
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AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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

It's been an exciting month with new announcements from Parks Canada, and feisty debates over sustainable tourism, ecological integrity and visitor experience, the three values which are core to AMPPE's mandate in seeking balanced policy-making in Canada's mountain parks. Please contact the office at anytime if you'd like to share your opinions – AMPPE's membership is our strength. Sincerely, Executive Director Monica Andreeff.



Parks Canada Moves Forward with Brewster Glacier Discover Walk!

On Feb. 9 Peter Kent, Minister of the Environment, announced the decision to move forward with the Brewster Glacier Discovery Walk, a 400-metre-long guided interpretive walkway along the Icefields Parkway in Jasper National Park. The walkway will be constructed on a previously disturbed right-of-way and the Environmental Assessment has determined that the impact to mountain goats and sheep who frequent the highway will be "short term and negligible."

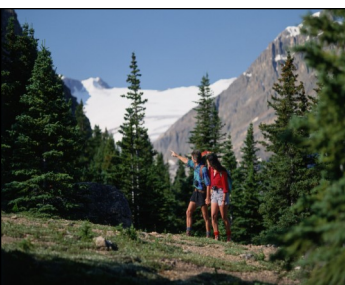
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Banff Bison Re-introduction Plan Announced by Environment Minister

Environment Minister Peter Kent was in Banff National Park Jan. 27 to announce plans for the re-introduction of plains bison. Although the old Banff Buffalo Paddock was removed in the late 1990s after the Banff Bow Valley Study, the restoration project's goal is to return herds of the hairy herbivores to free-range across historic habitat.

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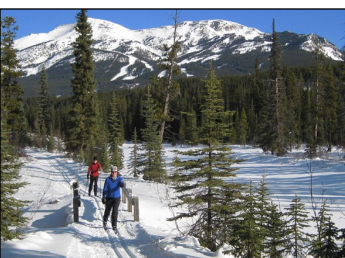


National Parks Revenue Debate Hits Alberta Prime Time Television

AMPPE Executive Director Monica Andreeff challenged proposals for new user fees in national parks on "Alberta Prime Time" Jan. 20, in a televised debate with Kelly Sloan of CPAWS and University of Calgary professor Bob Page. AMPPE supports increased federal investment to improve visitor experience, such as campgrounds and hiking trails – but not new user fees – in Banff and Jasper National Parks.

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Alberta Prime Time Television Debate: [Click Here](#)



Cross-County Ski Trail Grooming in Lake Louise is Top Notch

Lake Louise is quickly becoming a premiere cross-country ski destination due to the collaborative efforts of Improvement District #9, The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Banff Lake Louise Tourism, and Parks Canada. A newly purchased Alpine Sherpa snowmobile means there are now 50 km of well-groomed trails available for skiers.

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Harlequin Duck Issue Persists in Jasper National Park

For more than a decade the mid-Maligne river has been closed to kayakers and rafters to protect Harlequin Ducks. Yet, there is scarcely a handful of ducks to be seen. New science suggests that the ducks have disappeared from the river due to the artificial introduction of fish, not from recreational use. AMPPE challenges Parks Canada to re-view their basis for the closure and to re-evaluate new scientific evidence.

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