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## AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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Dear Members,

In preparation for a strategic board retreat April 3, 2014 I will be seeking members' input on the future vision, mission and strategic priorities for AMPPE. I will be distributing a survey in the next few weeks and I urge you to share your views and ideas! Sincerely,

AMPPE Executive Director Monica Andreeff



### Jasper National Park's Tonquin Valley re-opens for backcountry skiing

Parks Canada posted that Cavell Road is groomed and ready for winter use, and both the Astoria and Portal Creek Trails are open. While the trails are open, this is still important caribou habitat. Please give them space and remember that dogs on leash are welcome on Cavell Road as far as the hostel but are not allowed in the other areas of caribou habitat. The Brazeau and A La Peche caribou ranges will reopen for winter use on March 1st.

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### Banff National Park: Bow Valley Parkway to begin seasonal closure

A small section of the Bow Valley Parkway will be legally off limits to people overnight from March 1 to June 25 in a bid to give wildlife like grizzly bears and wolves undisturbed space and security during critical springtime. **"What was achieved was a great compromise" said AMPPE Executive Director Monica Andreeff** in this Rocky Mountain Outlook story. Parks Canada is implementing a mandatory seasonal travel restriction on a 17-km section on the eastern end of the 48-km parkway

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### Canmore's economic and tourism strategy 'fundamentally flawed'

The Town of Canmore's sustainable economic development and tourism strategy is fundamentally flawed, according to Canmore Business and Tourism (CBT) officials, because it treats economic development and tourism as separate goals. This Rocky Mountain Outlook article states CBT president and CEO Andrew Nickerson said the goal is to not separate tourism and everything else in the economy, but realize the various sectors are all inextricably linked to visitation.

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### Public comment for Caribou recovery program closes March 8

A captive-breeding program to help save dwindling woodland caribou herds in the mountain national parks is a step closer to reality. In this Rocky Mountain Outlook article they mention Woodland caribou, southern mountain population, are listed as threatened under Canada's Species At Risk Act (SARA). A formal recovery plan has been posted for public review on the Species At Risk Public Registry and the consultation period ends March 8. Woodland caribou in Banff, Jasper, Mount Revelstoke and Glacier national parks belong to the threatened southern mountain population. In the mountain national parks, numbers have declined from approximately 800 caribou 25 years ago to less than 250 animals.

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### High number of Grizzly deaths in 2013 is bad news for bears

Whether it is part of a larger trend or just one bad year, the number of grizzly bears killed as a result of human activity in Alberta reached a significantly high level last year. During 2013 there were 31 recorded grizzly bear mortalities and 26 of those were directly related to humans. It is a concerning number for conservationists and the province's large carnivore specialist, Nathan Webb. In this Rocky Mountain Outlook article Webb said the number is the highest seen provincially since the hunting season was suspended in 2006 and he hopes it is not a trend.

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