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Now that the mountain goat "kidding" season has passed, construction of the Brewster Glacier Discovery Walk will move forward this summer. Traffic delays on the Icefields Parkway are expected to be short and infrequent, but the best way to find out specifics is by signing up for the updates at: info@glacierdiscoverywalk.ca

Sincerely, Monica Andreeff, Executive Director.



Bow Valley Transit survey data supports \$6 one-way fare

The survey results of 400 residents show that 84% of respondents support a \$6 one-way fare between Banff and Canmore. Although there is still more input to come and the proposals from the survey will be reviewed by the Bow Valley Transit Commission, both town councils have signed off on the business plan. Proposed routes have also been outlined. Next steps for the commission include input from the business community; finalizing fares, schedules and routes; producing signage; and acquiring buses to begin service in October or November 2012.

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Parks Canada Scientists Hit by Federal Budget Cuts

A letter from the Minister's Panel on Ecological Integrity of Canada's National Parks, states that 50 Parks Canada ecosystem scientists are being affected by the budget cuts. "... Parks Canada developed a world-class monitoring and science program", says Jacques Gerin, former deputy minister of Environment Canada, in this Rocky Mountain Outlook article. "All these achievements are now at risk..." he says.

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Pam Veniotte named new Superintendent of Ontario Urban Park

After only one year at the helm of Canada's first, and oldest national park, Banff Superintendent Pam Veniotte is leaving to become the **first** Superintendent of a new urban national park in Scarborough, Ontario. Canada's **first national urban park** will receive \$143.7 million federally over ten years, with a budget of 7.6 million annually after that.

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Results of Caribou on-line Survey now available from Parks Canada

During an on-line survey from Nov. 2011 to Jan. 2012, Parks Canada received 150 comments from the public across Canada on the new Conservation Strategy for woodland caribou. The strategy will guide conservation actions for caribou in the mountain national parks of Banff, Jasper, Mount Revelstoke and Glacier. Full results of this comprehensive survey are now available in a 9 page document uploaded to our website.

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Bear 105 and three cubs re-located outside of Bow Valley

Even though she never had an aggressive incident with people, Bear 105 was becoming habituated and posed a risk to public safety. After closing the TransCanada highway while eating road kill with her cubs, it was hoped she would move back to the Wind Valley. However she later emerged at the Three Sisters unfinished golf course, causing wildlife officials to make the decision that relocation was necessary. "She's very nonchalant with people close to her and that's where we get concerned", said biologist Jon Jorgenson in this Rocky Mountain Outlook article.

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