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AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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Dear Members,
Please save the date! November 8th 2013, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel is once again the luxurious location for AMPPE's annual gala dinner and fundraiser. This event gets better year after year and we look forward to seeing you there!
Sincerely, Executive Director Monica Andreeff.

Mountain of change – Canada's national parks to attract mass tourism



Across the country, parks have welcomed or approved more commercial or mass-tourism friendly amenities. They are aimed at tourists of the type who prefer ski hills over untouched wilderness, and the growing number of people who feel Parks Canada's mandate is not simply to preserve swaths of land, as conservationists argue, but to create an accessible destination for people who want to have fun in nature.

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Highway 93 South construction begins



Long-awaited construction of two wildlife underpasses and three kilometres of fencing in a collision hotspot in Kootenay National Park is now underway. Multi-million dollar mitigation measures near the Dolly Varden area along Highway 93 South, announced by the federal government back in 2009, started last week.

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First Banff marathon set to kick off, despite environmental concerns.



At 9 a.m. on June 23 in Banff's Central Park, 1,500 fleet-footed participants will run their way into the history books. And, given the surroundings and the route, the first Banff Marathon promises to be not just a historic event, but also one of the most scenic races on the planet. Not surprisingly, the proximity of wildlife and the sensitive nature of these habitats along the route are drawing concerns from a number of conservation groups.

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Canmore, Lake Louise centrepiece of World Cup proposal



If Cross Country Canada gets its way, Canmore and Lake Louise will host World Cup races in 2016 as part of a nation-wide Tour de Ski event. The proposal, if accepted, would include nine to 10 races across Canada in February 2016. The proposal would see the race begin and end at the Chateau Lake Louise, showcasing the landscape to the world.

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Grizzly bear trapping resumes in parks



Grizzly bears are being trapped and fitted with GPS collars again this spring as part of a study to try to prevent the threatened animals from being killed on the railway tracks in the mountain national parks. Some of the grizzlies captured last year for the joint Parks Canada-Canadian Pacific Railway project were caught again in the past few weeks because some of the collars malfunctioned for varying reasons.

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