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## **AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter**

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Dear Members,  
Planning has begun for the 2015 AMPPE Fundraising Gala – save the date Saturday, November 14th! The Fairmont Banff Springs will again be hosting this prestigious event featuring a gourmet dinner, exciting live and silent auction items and musical entertainment. This year's theme will be announced next month so stay tuned! Please show your support for AMPPE by donating to the silent or live auction, and commit your attendance to this event by contacting our office at 403-762-3800.  
Sincerely, *Casey Peirce, Executive Director*

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## **AMPPE Advocacy in Action – Lake Louise Ski Area Site Guidelines**



Earlier this month, Parks Canada released the proposed Site Guidelines for the Lake Louise Ski Area. These Guidelines included major gains in conservation, visitor experience and education for one of Canada's most beloved winter destinations. AMPPE was mobilized to support Lake Louise Ski Area and Parks Canada's collaborative vision in order to counteract one-sided media messaging with an educated and balanced voice, contributing op-ed pieces to various regional and provincial publications.

### **[Visit Our Website for AMPPE's Position on Proposed Site Guidelines](#)**

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## **High Rockies Trail to be completed from Canmore to Elk Pass**



The High Rockies Trail, connecting Goat Creek at the Banff Park boundary to Elk Pass on the Alberta B.C. boundary is the westernmost section of the Trans Canada Trail in Alberta. The trail will cater to hikers, trail runners, mountain bikers, snowshoers, and in some sections skiers and equestrians. The approximately 70 km-long trail is being organized in eight phases and is expected to be finished before Canada's 150th celebration in 2017. The project's proponent, the Alberta TrailNet Society, envisions this trail becoming a world-class destination trail through Kananaskis Country.

### **[More Details](#)**

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## **Citizen volunteers to help collect feces and count species in Jasper**



This summer, backcountry hikers in Jasper National Park have the opportunity to participate in a steaming-fresh new citizen science project. Parks Canada and the Foothills Research Institute (fRI) are partnering on a unique initiative that will see volunteers collect bear scat as part of an ongoing grizzly bear population study. "This is an opportunity for members of the public to contribute directly to science in terms of grizzly bear population monitoring," said Sean Kinney, spokesperson for fRI.

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## **Harper Government Approves Long Range Plan for Marmot Ski Area**



The new Long-Range Plan for Marmot Basin Ski Area in Jasper National Park has been approved by the Harper Government. Under this Plan, there will be an environmental gain of 118 ha of important wildlife habitat, and visitor experience improvements including expanded snowmaking, improved parking and transportation access, upgrades to the Caribou Chalet and limited tree thinning to support glade skiing. The approval of Marmot Basin's Long Range Plan illustrates a commitment to conserving and restoring Canada's rich natural heritage, and connecting Canadians to our natural mountain landscape in support of Canada's National Conservation Plan.

### **[More Details](#)**

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## **#AlignedWithAMPPE Member Feature – BOWDA**



AMPPE is pleased to announce the Bow Valley Builders & Developers Association (BOWDA) as our newest Corporate Partner. BOWDA is a membership driven networking and advocacy group focused on the needs of the building & development industry and related business in Canmore and the Bow Valley. Their more than 195 members include builders, developers, local municipalities, consultants, suppliers, trades and supporting businesses, giving them a significant voice when addressing issues that impact business and development in the Bow Valley.

### **[Visit Their Website for More Details](#)**