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AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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

We all know people – friends, neighbours and co-workers – who share AMPPE's goal to balance sustainable tourism with ecological integrity and visitor experience. Please pass this newsletter along, so they can learn more about the important issues that AMPPE is involved in. Encourage them to contact me at the office, or send me an email referral and I will follow up! Sincerely, Executive Director Monica Andreeff.



Bow Valley Parkway Seasonal Travel Restrictions

Although it is voluntary this year, on March 1st 2013 the travel restriction will become mandatory from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. For wildlife habitat security reasons, Parks Canada plans to install gates to keep out hikers, cyclists, and cars until June 27th, every year. AMPPE plans to work closely with Parks Canada to ensure that visitor education signage, a sense of arrival, and communication plans will be put in place this spring, as promised, long before the permanent gates are installed.

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Canmore Organizations Unite to form Canmore Business & Tourism

The merging of Tourism Canmore Kananaskis and the Canmore Economic Development Authority in July 2011 proved to be very successful and now the organization is being re-launched as **Canmore Business & Tourism**. The organization will now be able to maximize marketing opportunities and provide the best support to the local business community, ensuring a strong Canmore brand.

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Jasper National Park featured in Parks Canada documentary TV series

Operation Unplugged, a six part series on Travel + Escape TV, premiered Feb. 21 with host Alan Bishop. Eight participants face the challenge of leaving behind their beloved devices (phones, lap tops, iPods) and living "unplugged" in the wilderness of Canada's National Parks. Episode 5 airing on **March 20**, will showcase Jasper National Park while testing the cast to their limits with a race to the top of a mountain, a wolf tracking adventure, glacier ice rescue, and a mountain biking/rappelling mission.

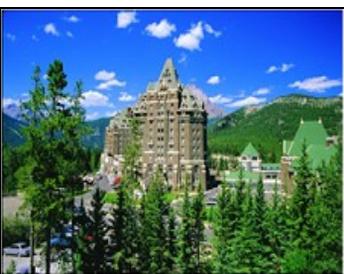
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Field Research Team Announced for Grizzly Bear Mortality Study

Parks Canada and CP Rail have named a biological science team from the University of Alberta and Montana State University to research and collate ways of reducing grizzly bear deaths on the railway. The study will look at grain aversion, and off-site habitat improvements including managing vegetation to improve sight and sound-lines.

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The Fairmont Banff Springs wins Environmental Hotel of the Year!

Beating out more than 60 other hotels from around the world, The Fairmont Banff Springs has received the **Environmental Hotel of the Year Award** from Fairmont Hotels & Resorts. A global leader in responsible tourism, the company reduces its ecological footprint by focusing on energy management, water conservation, waste diversion and community outreach programs such as the \$30,000 three year grant to The Banff Community Foundation.

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