



AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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Dear Members,
Spring brings change in our mountain landscape and in the AMPPE office. Please join me in welcoming our new Administrative Coordinator Pamela Traut! Many of you will hear from her in the next few weeks as she conducts the annual membership renewal campaign. Members please remember to complete Survey Monkey by April 1st for a chance to win a "Heli Passion Package" donated by Rocky Heli Tours.

Sincerely,
AMPPE Executive Director Monica Andreeff

Captive breeding may save caribou in Mountain National Parks



Parks may be only months away from beginning a captive breeding program to help stabilize caribou numbers. With the help of the Calgary Zoo, the program would take caribou from healthy populations in British Columbia and bring them to a special captive breeding facility. Over the course of four years, young caribou born at the facility would be added to the struggling herds, at a rate of about 15 animals per year.

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Appeals against Parks Canada's Goat's Eye lodge decision dropped



Two separate appeals against a decision by Parks Canada to conditionally approve plans for Sunshine Village to develop a new Goat's Eye Lodge have been dropped. Both the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) and Sunshine appealed the decision of Banff Field Unit Superintendent Dave McDonough to approve the application for development on Nov. 27. Neither party elected to pursue a judicial review of the superintendent's decision in the federal court.

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Canadian dollar devaluation is not a silver bullet for tourism



In 2013, Americans travelled 7% more than in previous years yet Canada saw only 2.5% of that increase. The Tourism Industry Association of Canada's "Connecting America" proposal would create a three-year, \$200-million campaign led by the Canadian Tourism Commission. If fully funded, this investment would generate an estimated \$1.56-billion in incremental tourism revenue, 2.6 million incremental U.S. visitors and grow or sustain over 6,000 Canadian jobs.

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Canada's West Tourism Marketplace coming to Canmore in 2014



Canada's West Marketplace trade show is coming to Canmore this year from Nov 17-20. The show will welcome more than 300 Alberta and B.C. tourism suppliers and 120 international tour operators and wholesalers from Europe, Asia Pacific and the Americas. In its 27th year, the annual show is a partnership between Travel Alberta and Destination British Columbia, and is an annual forum for promoting Western Canada tourism products to international and domestic tour operators and buyers.

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Bow Valley Parkway to close at night in bid to protect wildlife



An overnight traffic ban on the Bow Valley Parkway has gone into effect as part of an effort by Banff National Park to protect wildlife such as wolves and grizzly bears along the scenic roadway. From March 1 until June 25, Parks Canada will close a 17-kilometre stretch of the road between Johnston Canyon and where it meets the Trans-Canada Highway just west of the Banff town site each night from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m. The plan will give animals free rein to use the area and feed in the critical spring months following winter hibernation.

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