



AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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Dear Members,

Season's Greetings to you and yours!

As we say goodbye to 2014 and close out AMPPE's 20th year of operations, we look back and reflect on some of the successes that we celebrated with our Members this year. The Brewster Glacier Skywalk opened as did the Mt. Norquay Via Ferrata, new mountain biking and cross-country skiing trails were created on Tunnel Mountain and we continue to facilitate discussions between our Members and Parks Canada on a variety of initiatives. This year was also one of transition for AMPPE with new staff coming on board and new relationships forged in our Rocky Mountain Park communities.

On behalf of the Board and Staff of AMPPE, we wish you the happiest of holidays and look forward to working together in the New Year to support your ongoing success in 2015. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Casey Peirce, Executive Director & Pamela Traut, Administrative Coordinator



AMPPE supports Parks Canada's Red Chair Program

In a letter written to the Rocky Mountain Outlook, AMPPE put forth its support of the Red Chair Program. Starting in 2014, Parks Canada placed sets of red Adirondack chairs at specifically chosen locations within the Parks. The Red Chairs are iconically Canadian, accessible to people of all ages and abilities and provide a sense of adventure, encouraging visitors to seek them out in Jasper and Banff National Parks. The Red Chair Program will expand into more National Parks across Canada in 2015.

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Parks Canada adds avalanche signs to Lake Louise area

Parks Canada is beefing up avalanche safety messaging with permanent signage for visitors to the Lake Louise and Emerald Lake region. Brian Webster, visitor safety manager for Banff National Park, said Parks Canada's messaging has typically focused on the traditional backcountry user. However, he said, there has been an increase in the number of people accessing avalanche areas without any knowledge of avalanche risk. "We want to push them in the right direction and away from dangerous areas."

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Parks announces new winter activities and access delays in Jasper

Jasper National Park is expanding winter recreational opportunities and implementing additional measures to further enhance critical habitat protection for caribou. Winter recreational access to the Maligne and Whistler Creek valleys will be delayed effective immediately until February 28 and February 15, 2015, respectively. New winter offers include flat-packed trails for fat biking or winter walking on Pyramid bench, new snowshoe routes on Pyramid Bench, updated on-trail cross-country ski signage and improved trail maps and trail reports.

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Adventure races push for access to Kananaskis Country

Canmore's Adam Campbell and Amy Golumbia are part of a growing group of for-profit race organizers interested in opening up Kananaskis Country for larger adventure-style races, while raising questions about acceptable use of Alberta parkland. "It would be very easy to host a major international event here with scenery that's probably more beautiful than anywhere else," Campbell said. He believes such races would bring several benefits to the area, and would put Kananaskis Country on the map.

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