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AMPPE's Monthly Membership Newsletter

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Dear Members — October brought many opportunities for me to engage with AMPPE stakeholders in the Rocky Mountain Parks communities. I am grateful for the warm welcome and would like to especially thank to those of you who have shared with me the vision, goals and challenges of your organizations. I believe in the power of collaboration to achieve community success and am eager to learn how I can best offer the future support of AMPPE in your endeavors. I hope to see you all at the Gala on November 1st and thank you to those members who have committed to sponsoring and donating to this celebration of 20 years of AMPPE success!
Sincerely, *Casey Peirce, Executive Director*

Joint funding for new Product and Event Specialist in Jasper

Tourism Jasper has joined forces with Parks Canada to create a new position that will enhance the park's experiential tourism offer and the planning events and festivals in Jasper. On Oct. 9, the two organizations signed a three-year agreement that will see each pay $50,000 a year toward an experiential Product and Event Development Specialist, who will be the 'go-to' person for event and festival development and organization. "There is an opportunity for the funds to help grow our community and destination with product development," explained Mary Darling, CEO of Tourism Jasper.

More Details

Parks considering changed Goat's Eye lodge plan at Sunshine Village

Parks Canada is considering a resubmitted and slightly altered project by Sunshine Village to develop a new Goat's Eye Lodge. The project has gone back for consideration after approval in 2013 included restrictive conditions in relation to wastewater treatment and Parks Canada's standards. The changes submitted for review include reconfiguration of the project from one building to two – a day lodge and a ski school – to be constructed over two years and upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant.

More Details

Dozens of wildlife killed on highways in mountain parks this year

From January to October, a total of 11 bears have been struck and killed in Banff, Yoho and Kootenay national parks. Three wolves, one cougar, five moose and 16 elk were also killed on the highways for a total of 36 animals. Another 31 animals have been struck but it's unknown whether they survived the collisions. Conservationists and others have long raised concerns about people speeding in the national parks. Any wildlife killed in a national park can have an impact on the other species and mortality rates are especially concerning for species with low population densities.

More Details

Parks Canada's Red Chair program a success

To help guide visitors to iconic scenic viewpoints where they can connect with nature, Jasper National Park is participating in Parks Canada's Red Chair program. Visitors can use GPS coordinates or special maps to seek out strategically placed bright red Adirondack chairs. Jasper National Park's trail crew installed the sets of two chairs at six popular Jasper locations. Red chairs have also been placed on the popular hiking trail up Tunnel Mountain in Banff National Park.

More Details

Flood-damaged Legacy Trail repaired and reopens to public

The Legacy Trail and Cascade Ponds have reopened for recreational usage, including the addition of new bridges and a revived aquatic habitat. "Flood affected areas near the east entrance of the Town of Banff were repaired and improved upon," said John Rose, asset manager for the Banff Field Unit, as culverts were replaced and retaining walls, a new wildlife gate and electro-mats were installed to "be able to withstand similar events in the future." Spray Loop and Goat Creek bridges have been replaced, while the Cascade Fire Road bridge is currently being constructed.

More Details