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Trails to close for mountain bikes and horses in Jasper National Park

Starting Oct. 1, Parks Canada is requesting bikes and horses to use only the official trail network and to stay off unsigned trails in wildlife corridors. Riders and cyclists caught on unofficial trails will be subject to a ticket and a mandatory court appearance. This is the next step in implementing the 2009 Three Valley Confluence Trail Plan. "The corridors are particularly important for our large carnivores...these are the key species that seem to be most affected by human presence," says Marcia Dewandel, product development officer for Parks Canada in this article from The Fitzhugh.

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Photo from The Banff Crag & Canyon

Bling! Olympic gold medal and Queen's award kick off Banff Triathlon

2012 Olympic gold medalist Rosie MacLennan kicked off the Banff Subaru Triathlon Sept. 7, joining hundreds of athletes in the annual event, while Wild Rose MP Blake Richards presented The *Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal to Banff Lake Louise Tourism* CEO Julie Canning. "She has made outstanding contributions to this community and the tourism community across Canada," Richards told the Banff Crag & Canyon.

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Legacy Trail could expand 3.5 Kilometres into Canmore in 2013

Due to such a positive reaction towards the Legacy Trail, the Bow Corridor Regional Mobility Partnership is looking to the Provincial Government for proper funding to extend the Legacy Trail east from its current end near Harvie Heights, to the information center on Bow Valley Trail. If approved in the next budget the estimated \$2.5 million project could begin construction in 2013 and be completed for spring time use.

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Scientists seeking safe solutions for bears on rails and roads

This Calgary Herald article offers comprehensive solutions to mitigating bear conflicts with highways and trains. Behaviour modification techniques, highway overpasses, electrified mats, tracking collars, and repairing grain cars are just some of the tactics currently being used to help save the grizzly bear population. CP and Parks Canada have a five-year action plan to try and reduce bear-train collisions. "It's clearly a big problem," says Kris McCleary, science advisor at Parks Canada.

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Vermillion Lakes facelift — New signs, benches and bike racks

The redevelopment of Vermillion Lakes, listed in the 2010 Banff Management Plan, will begin this fall and should be completed by October 2013. Plans include the installation of kiosks, interpretive signs, bike racks and benches, as well as parking upgrades for better safety. "Improvements to these kinds of front country visitor experiences are great entry-level opportunities for people who visit the park," says Monica Andreeff in this Rocky Mountain Outlook article.

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