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Dear Members,

Dust off your cowboy boots and saddle up for AMPPE's annual fundraising Gala on November 1st! The 'Stetsons & Stilettos' themed evening will be held at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, featuring Members of Parliament Michelle Rempel and Blake Richards as guest speakers. Join us as we celebrate 20 years of AMPPE success and more than a century of outfitting in the Canadian Rockies. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or by calling our office. Sponsorship opportunities are still available!

Sincerely, *Casey Peirce, Executive Director*



AMPPE announces Casey Peirce as new Executive Director

AMPPE has appointed Canmore's Casey Peirce as its new Executive Director. With years of experience in business administration and leadership of not-for-profit organizations, Peirce brings a strong skill set in communications, media relations, strategic planning, event management, sponsorship activation and stakeholder relations to the position. "As a lifelong outdoor enthusiast, I believe in and am fully committed to advancing AMPPE's mandate," says Peirce. "I'm looking forward to engaging with the mountain parks community and providing support to AMPPE's many diverse members."

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Parks Canada's Maligne decision challenged in Federal court

Parks Canada is being challenged in court over its decision to consider a proposal for overnight accommodation at Maligne Lake in Jasper National Park. Fraser Thomson, a lawyer acting for the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and the Jasper Environmental Association, said that by not ruling out a plan for 15 tent cabins, the superintendent breaks Parks Canada's own guidelines, which are supposed to rule out any new commercial accommodation outside park town sites.

[More Details](#)



Wildlife officials decide to leave Kananaskis grizzly and cub alone

Wildlife officials with Alberta Parks have decided a grizzly sow suspected of killing a hunter in Kananaskis Country and her cub will not be destroyed, moved or collared. District officer Glenn Naylor said analysis of evidence from the scene led officials to conclude the bear reacted normally in the situation and in a manner consistent with defending its cub or a kill. Picklejar Creek and lakes area and the Mist Ridge and Mist Creek area near Highwood Pass on Highway 40 have been closed to the public.

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Banff National Park had a 'heck of a summer' after last year's flooding

With summer officially over, early numbers from Parks Canada show that Banff National Park has rebounded after last year's flooding and visitation has increased by 15 per cent over 2013. "It was very rewarding to see the amount of people who were visiting for the very first time, either as an international traveller or through the new and exciting initiatives implemented by Parks Canada to enhance the accessibility of the parks to new Canadians, urbanites and young families," said Casey Peirce, Executive Director of The Association for Mountain Parks Protection & Enjoyment.

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Sunshine Village to offer new heated lift up to snowy climbs

Sunshine will be getting the "hottest" chairlifts in Canada next winter. Construction of a high-speed quad chairlift complete with heated seats, footrests and protective orange bubbles is currently underway at the ski resort. The multi-million dollar infrastructure will replace the existing Tee Pee Town double chair that was built in 1979. The model is popular in Europe, but will be the first of its kind in Canada and second in North America. The lift will be available for use during the 2015-16 season.

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