

ALBERTA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION

"Defending Wild Alberta through Awareness and Action"

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Dear Ms. Veinotte and Mr. McDonough

Re: Bow Valley Parkway traffic restrictions

Alberta Wilderness Association (AWA) would like to congratulate you on the recent decision to introduce enhanced travel restrictions on sections of Highway 1, the Bow Valley Parkway. Voluntary measures to reduce traffic impacts on wildlife were clearly not working, and there was a need to move forward to protect the ecological integrity of the area.

Through our representation on the working group for the parkway, we appreciate that this was a long and complex process, but the fact that science and the interests of the park's wildlife prevailed in the end is a great credit to Parks Canada.

Yours truly

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