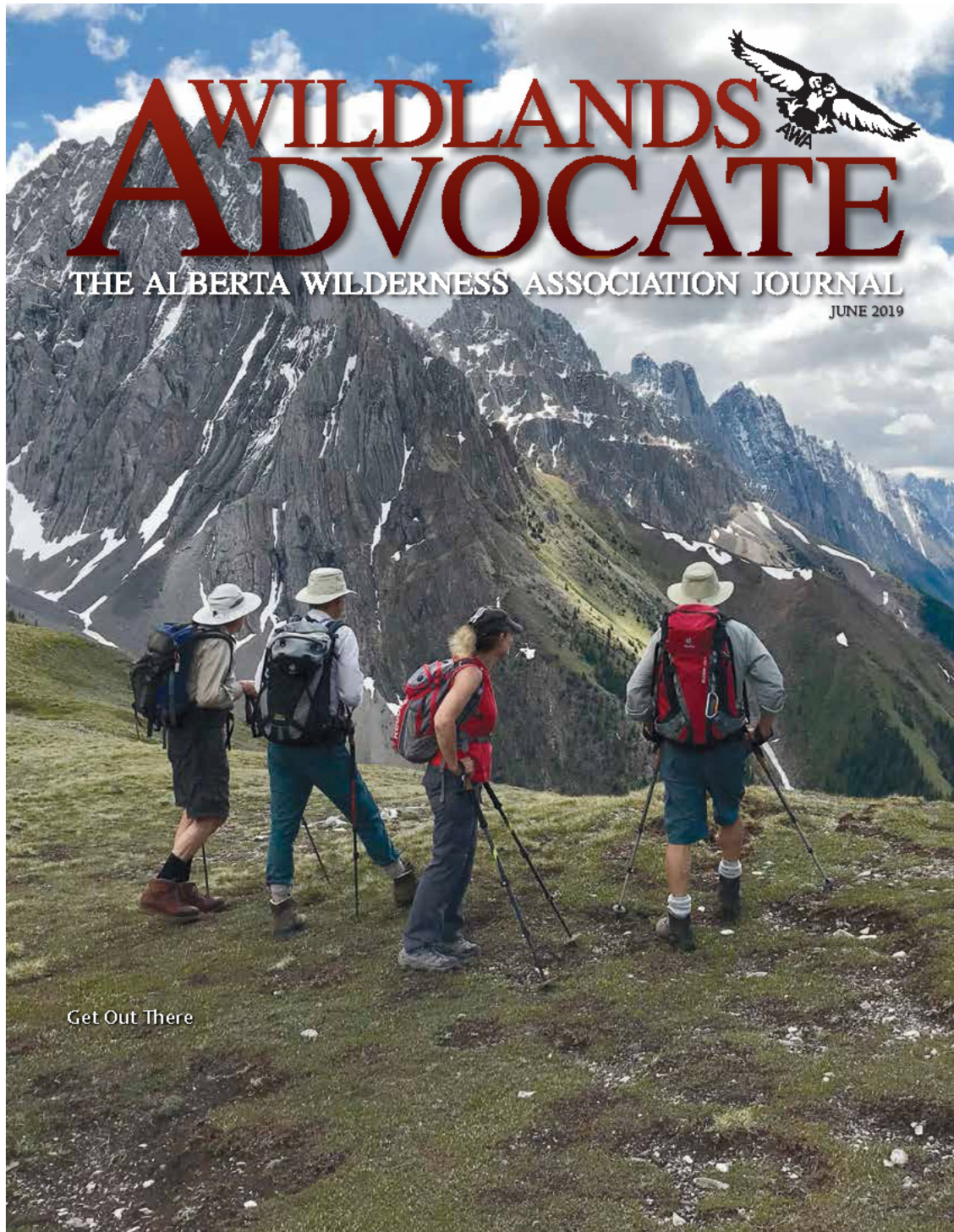


## June Wild Lands Advocate Now Online

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The June issue of *Wild Lands Advocate* is now online

at <https://albertawilderness.ca/publications/wild-lands-advocate/>. It's being printed as I type this so Canada Post should be delivering your hard copy shortly.

June is our "Get Out There" issue. It's an issue where we try to ensure our features section addresses the general theme of why we celebrate wild spaces. It outlines some of the things you do when you get the chance to be outdoors.

Here Ed Hergott describes his love of mountains – a love that many in the Calgary area have benefited from over the past 20 years. Lindsey Wallis loves the Rockies too and writes about how rock climbing expresses part of her feelings towards them.

Dianne Pachal, a life-long champion of Alberta wilderness, draws your attention to one outdoor activity you might not have considered – joining the legion of volunteers who help as stewards of Waterton Lakes National Park. Lorne Fitch recounts the wonder he experienced one fall morning in a place that, in my imagination, could have been found in what was once a much larger Waterton National Park.

AWA staff – Nissa Petterson, Grace Wark, and Joanna Skrajny – contribute to this theme as well. Nissa describes how traditional activities like hunting and fishing are foundations of her identity. Grace reminds us about the importance of ensuring that green spaces are incorporated into urban land management decision making. Joanna reflects on how climate change is affecting our outdoor experiences and adds another voice to the growing chorus demanding real action from governments.

Carolyn Campbell, who has dedicated countless hours to caribou conservation campaigns, returns you to the land of policy analysis and advocacy with her assessment of two recently proposed southern mountain caribou initiatives.

I hope AWA members will feel quite proud after considering the Association News section in this summer issue. There you'll see Charity Intelligence Canada's excellent assessment of AWA's charitable status and activities. There you'll also find our report on one of those activities – this year's very successful Climb for Wilderness. If you look only at the collage of photos accompanying that report you can't help but feel the enthusiasm of participants, volunteers, and staff alike for the Climb and for the work it helps finance.

Updates, the artwork of Kathryn Bessie, poetry by Elise Arsenault and T. Kalhovd, and a tribute to Diana Horton – environmental scientist and activist – also grace the June issue of your magazine.

Finally, this issue offers you a review of Edward Struzik's excellent book *Firestorm: How Wildfire Will Shape Our Future*. As fires once again rage

across northern Alberta, it's essential reading if you want to understand what seems to be the birth of a new normal here and elsewhere.

- *Ian Urquhart, Editor*

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