



## Fall Updates



Fall larches from the Pocaterra Ridge Trail. Photo © J. Hope

Dear AWA Supporter,

Fall is a season of many changes: schools are in session, daylight hours grow shorter, and we wave goodbye to the last of the warm summer hikes and camping nights. We're often tempted to look forward begrudgingly, grieving the loss of the lush, green summer months. However, already this September I've had many gentle reminders of how beautiful the turning of the seasons can be. As the smoke clears over Southern Alberta, perhaps a walk through the larches is just what we need to fall in love all over again with the season, its turning colours and its many changes.

We hope that you and your family are staying well and healthy this Fall. Here are a few seasonal updates from AWA.

Warm wishes,  
Grace Wark, Alberta Wilderness Association

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## Remembering Richard Guy (1916-2020)

On Sunday, October 4, AWA Executive Director Christyann Olson will speak at "Peace is a disarming concept": A celebration of the life for Dr. Richard Guy. Richard Guy was a passionate educator, mathematician, mountaineer, and dear friend to AWA. The event will be held online and is hosted by the University of Calgary's Mathematics Department.

From the website: *"You're invited to join Richard and Louise's family and their many friends to raise a cup of hot chocolate together and celebrate the impact their lives have had beyond the world of mathematics. It's now time for family, friends, and colleagues to share their memories of Richard and reflect on the impact he has made to the community and in their lives."*

Details and registration [here](#).



At 102 years young, Richard Guy continued to participate in AWA's annual Climb for Wilderness event. Always with him, a photo of his beloved wife, Louise.

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## 2020 Annual General Meeting & Bylaw Updates

On November 21, members are invited to join us for a digital AGM Business Meeting and staff presentations on priorities and progress. We will be seeking member support for updating our bylaws. AWA Bylaws are posted here:

<https://albertawilderness.ca/publications/bylaws/>

Registration for the AGM will be open to members in good standing in early November.

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### Jasper's Woodland Caribou

Sadly, AWA has learned from Jasper National Park's [website](#) that Jasper's Maligne caribou are officially extirpated, and that each of the remaining two caribou populations managed by Parks Canada are now too small to recover on their own. In a [recent letter](#), AWA called on Parks Canada to prevent the extirpation of Jasper's Tonquin and Brazeau caribou and to manage Maligne range access for eventual caribou re-introduction there.

If you can, please write Environment and Climate Change Canada [Minister Jonathan Wilkinson](#) and Jasper Park Superintendent [Alan Fehr](#) copying AWA's [ccampbell@abwild.ca](mailto:ccampbell@abwild.ca), and request that Parks Canada:

- act urgently to prevent the extirpation of Jasper's Tonquin and Brazeau caribou, including considering a population augmentation program;
  - take any further needed habitat measures to support Tonquin and Brazeau caribou survival and recovery; and
  - retain hard-won Maligne caribou range winter access limits for caribou re-introduction.
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### Protecting Alberta's Parks

If you live in Central or Southern Alberta, there's a good chance that you've heard from us recently about how the government's decision to divest and deregulate 164 Alberta Parks sites will affect your region. We've been hard at work speaking with our members and supporters, and creating [briefing notes](#) to shed light on the impacts this decision will have on Alberta's most endangered

and least protected Natural Regions: the Parkland, Grasslands and Foothills. Between these three regions, more than 9,000 ha of protection will be lost (equal to around eight times the size of the Ghost Lake or one-half the size of Elk Island National Park). Check out the following links for more information:

- See [AWA's Op-Ed in the Narwhal](#) for a 3-minute summary of the issue
- AEN and CPAWS have launched the *Defend Alberta Parks* campaign. [Visit the website to get your own Defend Alberta Parks lawn sign!](#)

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## ***Trails Act***

We've heard from the government that we'll be able to participate in the provincial *Trails Act* process, and will keep our membership updated on opportunities for public consultation.



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## **Adventures for Wilderness**

Events from our new Adventures for Wilderness program continue into the Fall and Winter months. Visit our website to see upcoming events and to read stories from recent Adventures!



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