



Happy Family Day!

Dear AWA Supporter,

Winter is a time for rest. While the days are short and cool, wildlife in Alberta adapt by slowing down, conserving their energy, or tucking away for a long sleep. While many of us may be feeling the pull of a busy February season, perhaps we can use our winter wildlife as a reminder to do just that... slow down, conserve our energy and rest... if at least for a moment.

On this Family Day, **we would like to wish you a warm, happy and restful winter's day** and share a few of AWA's upcoming events for you to join with family and friends, and to help stay up-to-date with what's happening in Alberta's wilderness!

Warm wishes,

Your AWA Team

**Martha Kostuch Lecture Series &
Wilderness and Wildlife Defenders Awards**

**A Conversation with
Dene Tha' Chief James
Ahnassay**

**Chief James Ahnassay
Matt Munson
Cliff Wallis
February 22, 2021**



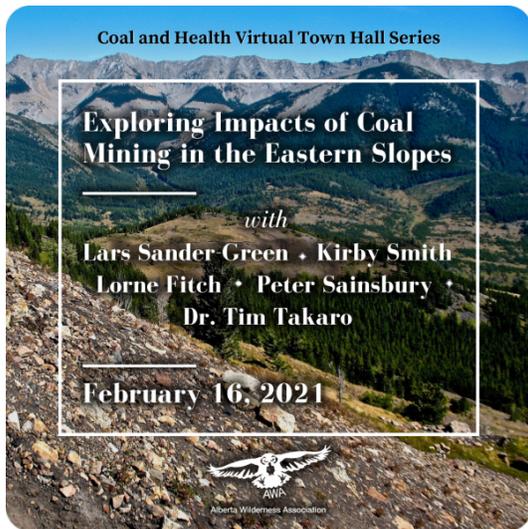
On February 22, please join us as we present the 50th Wilderness and Wildlife Defenders Award to Dene Tha' Chief James Ahnassay.

The evening program in conversation with Chief Ahnassay and Cliff Wallis includes a video presentation by Matt Munson, Dene Tha' Technician and stories about a way of life, caribou, the Hay-Zama Wildland and Bistcho (Mbecho) Lake.

[Register](#)

**Feb. 16: Coal and Health
Virtual Townhall**

Are you concerned about the impacts of coal on healthy communities and wildlife? It's not too

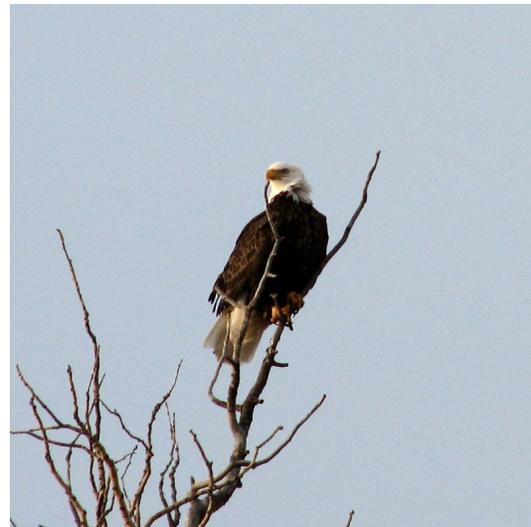


late to register for the Coal and Health Virtual Townhall on February 16!

[Reserve your spot!](#)

Feb. 27: 2021 RMERF AGM & Keynote

The Rocky Mountain Eagle Research Foundation (RMERF) has extended an invitation to their 2021 AGM with a keynote presentation by Josh Haas. The program will feature Josh's finest images as he shares how bird knowledge is vital to creating more pleasing and artistic photographs.



AWA members can join the entire event or tune in at 11am for the keynote talk. [See the event flyer for more information and registration details.](#)

Music break: The Wardens - *Shining Mountains*



AWA friends The Wardens have been, like all of us, on pandemic restrictions. Once a favourite part of our Music for the Wild program, they have kept busy and released a new track they want you to hear. This new song pays tribute to our Eastern Slopes and raises awareness about coal development. They write:

“ Working actively in conservation for our entire careers, one thing we've learned is this: parks are not enough to protect the environment. Recent and ongoing events in the Canadian Rockies around coal development have shown very clearly that so many people are in tune with our collective responsibility for long-term conservation. Shining Mountains is a tribute to all of you - guardians of the wild.

We hope you'll give it a listen!

The Wardens can be found at: www.thewardensmusic.com.

Adventures for Wilderness 2021

A4W 2021 has launched and its time to join, sponsor or create your own Adventure. Here are four for you to check out!

**Feb. 27: Winter Skate at
Bowness Lagoon**

Make the most of the winter season by joining AWA for a fun family skate at the Bowness Park Lagoon in Calgary. After the skate, join us around the firepit for some hot chocolate & s'mores, and a chat with and a fireside chat with our very own, well known naturalist and story teller, Vivian Pharis. She's sure to have a story or two about how our wildlife copes in winter and winter's role in our natural world. [Register](#)



Mar. 8: Snowshoeing on Waiparous Creek

Join local resident Heinz Unger for a snowshoe hike through the frozen Waiparous creek 'canyon'. We will get some rays of sunshine into the steep-walled valley to provide contrasting light and shade as we hike up the creek. Often you can hear or even see the water flowing under the ice and snow cover. It gives a very different perspective on a valley that's not easily accessed most of the year. [Register](#)

Mar. 24: Crocus Hunt on Nosehill

Join Christyann in an Adventure in memory of Margaret Main, one of AWA's dedicated volunteers. In years past Margaret and Christyann would check hillsides for the first crocus

blooms, a symbol of spring that meant so much to both. [Register](#)



Photos for Wilderness (Deadline Apr. 4, 2021)

Share your adventures in Alberta's winter wilderness through the art of photography!

[Submit your photo & help support Alberta's Wilderness!](#)

What is Adventures for Wilderness?

Adventures for Wilderness is AWA's annual program to engage Albertans in wilderness conservation. We believe an Adventure can be anything from climbing a mountain, to walking by the river, to enjoying the beauty of nature in your own backyard. Visit our website to learn about the Adventures this season and how you can support Alberta Wilderness Association.

Details on the website: <https://www.adventuresforwilderness.ca/>



Dedicated to the conservation of wilderness and completion of a protected areas network, AWA inspires communities to care for Alberta's wild spaces through awareness and action.

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