



July 26, 2022

Dear Members and Friends,

It is my pleasure to announce that with the unanimous approval of the Board of Directors we have selected Deborah Donnelly as the incoming Executive Director of the Alberta Wilderness Association.

Deborah comes to AWA from the Yukon Conservation Society where she has been Director, Outreach and Communications. Deborah has a diverse background including work in conservation, archeology, and service as an officer in the Canadian Navy. Deborah holds an undergraduate and master's degree in archeology from the University of Toronto and a post-graduate diploma in World Heritage Conservation from University College Dublin. We believe Deborah's diversity of experience and qualifications will serve AWA well given the multiple demands of the Executive Director role.

Sincere thanks to all the members of the Alberta Wilderness Association who have provided support and counsel over these past few months as we conducted a thorough and deliberate search for a new Executive Director. Particular thanks are due to Cliff Wallis, Chris Saunders and Clint Docken who composed the search committee, aided by the invaluable advice of Deb Wershler, retired President of the Bowen Group, and Christyann Olson, AWA's long serving outgoing Executive Director.

Deborah will begin on August 15, 2022.

Your continuing support is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Jim*

Jim Campbell, President  
Alberta Wilderness Association



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