

January 16, 2008

UPDATES

K-Country logging update

Update from the Save Kananaskis group: The Spray Lakes logging operation is ripping through Kananaskis. They have ploughed under the Trans Canada Trail (Lusk Pass/Baldy Pass trails). Thousands of trees are being hauled out by a steady stream of logging trucks. This is a critical time in our effort to stop logging and create a park in the Sheep, Elbow and Sibbald districts.

You can see photos, maps and info here:

http://www.savekananaskis.ca/inf/sibbald_photos.htm

Kananaskis has asked for input on what to do in this area. You could have a significant impact on the future of Kananaskis by responding to our KanQizonline:

<http://www.savekananaskis.ca/forms/kanquiz.htm>

Wild Alberta event cancelled

The February 20 Wild Alberta at the Crossroads slide show by Robin and Marian White (as advertised in last week's newsletter) has been cancelled due to a family emergency. Marian White hopes the event will be rescheduled soon. For more information about the White's new book Wild Alberta at the Crossroads, see the website:

<http://www.naturewatchworld.com/newbook.html>

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EVENTS and TRIPS

"The Long Emergency" - James Howard Kunstler in Calgary

Urban planning expert, author and journalist James Howard Kunstler is speaking in Calgary on Thursday, Jan. 17 as the kick-off of the University of Calgary's Institute for Sustainable Energy, Environment and Economy's 2008 Distinguished Speakers Series.

Kunstler's most recent book, *The Long Emergency: Surviving the End of the Oil Age, Climate Change, and other Converging Catastrophes of the Twenty-first Century*, expands on his past critiques of suburbia by exploring the sweeping economic, political and social changes that will result from the end of access to cheap fossil fuels and the impact this will have on the way we live, work, farm and build. Mr. Kunstler will sign copies of his book during the reception.

WHERE: University of Calgary, MacEwan Hall ballroom (3 floor)

U of C campus map: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/map/index.html>

WHEN: All talks start at 7:30 p.m., except for the February 14th talk which starts at 8 p.m.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT(S): Email: iseeespk@ucalgary.ca or call (403) 210-9786

Next group meeting: February 6

The Chinook Group's next monthly public meeting will take place on February 6 at 7 pm at the Calgary Area Outdoor Council building (1111 Memorial Drive NW). The meeting will feature a screening of the documentary "Bridge to Community: The Affordable Housing Crisis in Alberta" followed by a discussion.

This locally produced 85-minute documentary focuses on the affordable housing situation in Calgary and Alberta. Monthly meetings are free and open to the general public.

Lake Louise XC-ski weekend: Jan. 25-27. Next

The deadline to RSVP for the Chinook Group's XC-ski weekend in Lake Louise in January 17. All levels of skiers are welcome, and there will be plenty of children and family-friendly events happening in Lake Louise that weekend. For more information or to RSVP, email Outings Coordinator Laura Hickman at: laura@sierraclubchinook.org

To be added to our Events and Outings email list, go to:

<http://lists.sierraclubchinook.org/mailman/listinfo/outings>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers wanted in Banff National Park

Banff National Park's Volunteer Program had a successful first year in 2007 and more volunteers are needed for 2008. If you are passionate about our national parks, especially Banff, and you can volunteer for one day at a time or make a commitment of once a month for a year - this may be the perfect way for you to make a difference while enjoying the great outdoors!

Volunteer programs this year will include Park Ambassadors, Citizen Scientists and Helping Hands and include activities ranging from litter pickup and answering tourist questions to tracking cougars and bird counting. For more information contact:

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To be added to our Volunteer email list go to:

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Chinook Group Vision Statement

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