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JANUARY 2012 E-NEWS

FMCBC NEWS

Southwest BC Recreation and Conservation Committee Update - Brian Wood (SW BC Rec & Con Co-Chair)

The FMCBC has been looking into some new parking restrictions up at Mt. Seymour for non-paying backcountry skiers and snowshoers and we are asking that members report any issues with parking they have experienced since December when the restrictions began.

The FMCBC is also in the process of forming our new Advocacy Committee with the purpose of linking recreation and conservation committees and organizations across BC to deal with issues that affect backcountry users province-wide. [Click here](#) to read a summary of the last SW BC Recreation and Conservation Meeting for more details.

21 Mile Creek Survey

The FMCBC is hosting a short survey put together by SW BC Rec & Con Committee member, Scott Nelson, to evaluate the use of 21 Mile Creek for winter backcountry recreation. If you have completed a trip into the 21 Mile Creek area including Rainbow Lake, Rainbow Mountain, Sproatt Mountain Gin Peak or Hanging Lake please [click here](#) to participate in the survey.

National Trails Roundtable Survey Results - Brian Wood

Some good news has come from the results of the National Trails Roundtable Survey, including some possible trail funding for 2012. [Click here](#) to find out more on the results.

IN THE NEWS

[Avalanche day in Rossland teaches the fundamentals](#) - Rossland News, January 19, 2012

[Brian Hall is this year's 'Innovator'](#) - Smithers Interior News, January 16, 2012

[Snowmobilers Please show respect](#) - Golden Star, January 4, 2012

[A path through time immemorial](#) - The Economist, December 17, 2011

MOUNTAIN MATTERS

[Coquihalla Trips & Trails: A Guide to B.C.'s North Cascade Mountains and Nicola Valley](#) - Review by Ron Dart (ACC-Vancouver)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES](#) - The FMCBC is looking for volunteers. Click the link to get involved.

The FMCBC would like to thank Gil Parker for his service as an FMCBC Director for the [Vancouver Island Spine Trail Association](#) and welcomes Andrew Pape-Salmon into this position. Andrew also holds the FMCBC Director position for the [ACC-Vancouver Island](#). Thank-you, Andrew for volunteering for this position for both organizations.

[Click here](#) for an update on the Caledonia Ramblers' Universal Boardwalk project in Prince George.

[BC Parks Volunteer Strategy Workshops](#) are being held on the following dates in February and March. If you are interested in attending contact Beccs.Hoskins@gov.bc.ca

Victoria - February 6, 9 am – 12 pm; RSVP by January 27

Prince George - February 10, 9 am -12 pm; RSVP by January 27

Smithers - February 13, 9 am -12 pm; RSVP by February 3

Vancouver - February 16, 1-4 pm; RSVP by February 3

Penticton - February 20, 1-4 pm; RSVP by February 10

Williams Lake - February 24, 9 am - 12 pm; RSVP by February 10

Miracle Beach - February 28, 1-4 pm; RSVP by February 17

Nelson - March 5, 1-4 pm; RSVP by February 24

Cranbrook - March 7, 9 am – 12 pm; RSVP by February 24

Kamloops - March 12, 9 am – 12 pm; RSVP by February 24

[Click here](#) to sign a petition to Save Jasper National Park from privatization.

Check out North Vancouver Museum's online exhibit [Climbing to the Clouds: A People's History of BC Mountaineering](#) - Thanks, Antje for sharing this one with us.

If you have a story or news article about trails, backcountry access or conservation from your region of BC, please [email](#) it to us so we can include it in the next issue of the FMCBC E-News.

The second edition of [Lillooet Hiking Guide](#) is now available. It covers 32 day hikes that take you from the arid interior drylands of the Fraser Canyon to the high alpine.

New edition of [Walks and Easy Hikes in the Canadian Rockies](#) will be coming out soon.

[Click here](#) to view the Fall/Winter 2011 issue of Cloudburst. The deadline for articles for the next issue is April 15, 2012.

Visit the [Canadian Avalanche Centre](#) for current conditions and bulletins

Visit Bivouac via the [FMCBC website](#) to report ORV infractions

Visit [Canada Helps](#) to make a donation to the FMCBC

The FMCBC would like to thank [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#) for supporting the FMCBC through their generous contribution of office space from which to base our administration.

The mission of the FMCBC is to advocate for safe, self-propelled activities (such as hiking, mountaineering, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, trail running and other backcountry activities) and the protection of BC's backcountry for current and future generations to experience.

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