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Conservative Government announces new investments in Mount Revelstoke & Glacier national parks

Mt. Revelstoke National Park, BC- July 16, 2015 - David Wilks, Member of Parliament for Kootenay—Columbia, and Dr. Colin Carrie, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment and Member of Parliament for Oshawa, on behalf of the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, today announced infrastructure investments totalling more than \$156 million in Mount Revelstoke and Glacier national parks.

This major investment includes paving, bridge rehabilitation and avalanche mitigations on the Trans-Canada Highway. Avalanche mitigations such as increasing traffic holding capacity will improve traffic mobility between Revelstoke and Golden during avalanche control missions and is an important step in implementing the recommendations made in the 2010 Trans-Canada Highway Winter Reliability Study. Installation of remotely controlled avalanche devices will enhance the already successful avalanche control program jointly operated by Parks Canada and Canadian Forces. Additional projects include sewer and waterworks rehabilitation, the installation of LED lighting in highway snow sheds and trail rehabilitation. Lighting in the snow sheds will be a noticeable improvement for motorists on the Trans-Canada Highway and rehabilitation of the storm waterworks at Rogers Pass will protect aquatic habitat and bull trout in Rogers Creek.

Parks Canada is investing more than \$500 million in highway infrastructure across national parks in the region including Banff National Park, Glacier National Park, Jasper National Park, Kootenay National Park, Mount Revelstoke National Park and Yoho National Park.

These projects are the result of an unprecedented investment by the Government of Canada to support infrastructure work in our national historic sites, national parks and national marine conservation areas. This investment represents the largest federal infrastructure plan in the 104-year history of Parks Canada, ensuring these cherished places are protected and secured for the future while also creating and protecting jobs and opportunities.

Quick Facts

- Located in the interior wet belt of British Columbia, Mount Revelstoke National Park and Glacier National Park protect unique stands of old-growth cedar, hemlock and critical habitat for threatened and endangered wildlife species including the mountain caribou, mountain goat and grizzly bear. Rogers Pass National Historic Site, a critical site for the construction and development of Canada's first major national transportation route, is located in Glacier National Park.

- Mount Revelstoke and Glacier national parks welcome more than 700,000 visitors every year. Last year, more than 21 million visits were made to Canada's national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas.
- Parks Canada is present in hundreds of communities across Canada and contributes approximately \$3 billion dollars to the Canadian economy every year. Parks Canada's overall contribution to the Canadian economy is responsible for more than 40,000 jobs from coast to coast to coast.
- Parks Canada and the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure work closely together to maintain and operate the Trans-Canada Highway through the Columbia Mountains and the mountain national parks.
- Parks Canada is proud of the more than 50-year partnership with the Canadian Forces on "Operation PALACI", the world's largest avalanche control program that uses live artillery fire to keep the Trans-Canada Highway and Canadian Pacific Railway lines open and safe during winter in Glacier National Park.

Quotes

"Our Government is committed to creating jobs and opportunities. To ensure visitors have the best possible experiences connecting with nature, we are renewing Parks Canada trails, campgrounds, visitor centres and parkways across the country. These improvements are a result of our Government's unprecedented investment in the infrastructure of Canada's national parks and national historic sites."

- David Wilks, Member of Parliament for Kootenay—Columbia

"With this investment, our Government will help ensure that our cherished spaces are protected and secured for the future while also creating and protecting jobs and opportunities. This investment will help preserve, rehabilitate and restore our irreplaceable National Parks and National Historic Sites from coast to coast to coast."

- Dr. Colin Carrie, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment and MP for Oshawa

Associated Links

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