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June 2011

Bra d'Or Lake, Nova Scotia was designated June 29, 2011 by UNESCO as Canada's 16th Biosphere Reserve.

Congratulations to Bra d'Or Lake and welcome to the Canadian biosphere reserve network!

[Press Release - Canadian Commission for UNESCO...](#)

[More information about Bra d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve...](#)

[Chief Mountain Cumulative Effects Study - Assessing the Footprint of Human Activity in Southwest Alberta](#)

A new booklet describing the results of the study has been added to the Resources Page. Hard copies of the booklet are also available from the [Cardston County Office](#) or by contacting info@watertonbiosphere.com.

[Read the booklet...](#)

9th Annual Blue Weed Blitz along Pincher Creek

The Pincher Creek Watershed Group invites residents of the Town and MD of Pincher Creek to join in their annual weed pull on Saturday, July 9, 2011 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Pre-Register by Thursday, June 30th.

[Find out more...](#)

[June 5, 2011 is World Environment Day](#)

This year, WED supports the [UN's International Year of Forests](#) with the theme, Forests: Nature at Your Service, which underscores the many essential life-sustaining values that forests provide and the intrinsic link between our quality of life and the health of forest ecosystems.

Cast Your Vote for Local Conservation Projects

Three local groups have submitted project proposals to Shell Canada's Fuelling Change grant

program and are competing for funds against groups from across Canada. Visit the Fueling Change website to find out about the proposed projects and vote for your local groups.

[Oldman Watershed Council – Watershed Legacy Program](#)

[Miistakis Institute & Drywood Yarrow Conservation Partnership – Cowboys & Carnivores](#)
[Crowsnest Conservation Society – Crowsnest Pass Bear Smart Program](#)

May 2011

Happy [International Biodiversity Day](#) on May 22, 2011. The theme for 2011 is [Forest Biodiversity](#).

Provincial Bear Smart Workshop May 10 & 11, 2011

The [Alberta Bear Smart](#) Workshop was held in Pincher Creek on May 10 & 11, 2011. Workshop participants toured several local projects designed to reduce conflicts between carnivores and livestock and travelled to Crowsnest Pass to learn about the [Crowsnest Conservation Society's Living With Bears](#). Watch for more information about activities by local landowners and groups like the Drywood Yarrow Conservation Partnership, Chief Mountain Landowners Information Network, and the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

April 2011

[UNESCO review for new Canadian Biosphere Reserve in Nova Scotia is positive](#)

The International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves has given its approval to the Nomination for the Bras d'Or Lake and its watershed to become part of the global Biosphere Reserve network. They will recommend that the Man and the Biosphere's International Coordinating Council official designate the Bras d'Or at its meeting coming up this June in Dresden, Germany. Congratulations Bras d'Or!

[More about Bras d'Or Lake...](#)

[Final Survey Report: Carnivores & Communities in the Waterton Biosphere Reserve](#)

The final report for the community survey regarding issues, attitudes and management related to large carnivores in the Waterton Biosphere Reserve has been added to the Resources page. This report, completed by the Miistakis Institute, summarizes the results of the survey as presented in community meetings held in Mountain View and Twin Butte in June 2010.

[Read the report...](#)

[South Saskatchewan Regional Plan](#)

The South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council (RAC) has provided their report to the Alberta Government. The RAC recommended that the regional plan focus on issues like water supply, conservation needs and economic development. The recommendations and an on-line workbook are now available (until December 19, 2011) for you to share your feedback on the RAC's advice. There will also be stakeholder sessions held this fall.

[Find the workbook...](#)

March 2011

Three new factsheets (backgrounders) have been added to the Resources Page.
[Biosphere Reserves - Balancing Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Use](#)
[Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association - Our Past & Our Future](#)
[Waterton Biosphere Reserve – Finding A Balance Between People & Nature](#)

February 2011

[5th Annual - Holding the Reins – Landowner Summit for the Oldman Watershed](#)

The Oldman Watershed Council Rural Team will be hosting their annual landowner summit on Thursday, February 10, 2011 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Fort Macleod Community Hall. This year's theme will be Practical Solutions for Sustainability in Agriculture.

[Read more...](#)

[3rd Deadweed Dinner – For the Love of a Creek](#)

The Pincher Creek Watershed Group will be holding their annual dinner on Friday, February 11, 2011 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Pincher Creek Golf Club Restaurant.

[Read more...](#)

January 2011

[Nature Conservancy of Canada's 7th Annual Eat and Greet](#)

NCC will be holding their annual dinner and get together at the Waterton Community Hall on Friday, January 28, 2011 beginning at 5 pm.

[Read more...](#)

[Southern Foothills Community Stewardship Initiative Launched](#)

The Pekisko Group and the Chinook Institute for Community Stewardship will be holding a series of community forums designed to give regional citizens an opportunity to identify local priorities and recommendations for the Southern Foothills landscape and watersheds. The first local forum will be held Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cowley Village Hall.

[Read more...](#)

