Public Notification of Bow River Campground Densification in Bow Valley Provincial Park

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Where is Bow River Campground?**
   Bow River Campground is located approximately 7 km east of the town of Canmore in Bow Valley Provincial Park. Access to the campground is off of the TransCanada highway at the Three Sisters Parkway exit, approximately 100 km west of Calgary. The campground is located between the TransCanada highway and the banks of the Bow River.

2. **What is the project?**
   This is one of several campgrounds in the Bow Valley experiencing increased visitation. To address this increased popularity, Alberta Parks will be adding new campsites and a new washroom/shower building to the campground. All sites will be constructed within the campground's existing footprint; a new row of campsites will be constructed down the middle of the existing campground loop (please see campground map for details). In addition, Alberta Parks will be modernizing this campground with the addition of power, running water, and sewer.

3. **What are the details of the project?**
   Alberta Parks will add the following to the campground:
   - 30 new serviced RV sites;
   - 7 new walk-in tent sites;
   - A concrete washroom/shower building with 6 toilets, 4 sinks, and 4 showers;
   - Upgrades to existing roads and construction of a new road to access the new sites.

4. **How many sites in total will be at the campground now?**
   Currently, there are 39 non-serviced campsites in the Bow River Campground. With the densification, 5 campsites will be removed to allow for the new walk-in tent sites. With the addition of 37 campsites, there will be a total of 69 campsites in the campground (7 of which will be walk-in tent sites). All 62 RV accessible sites will be equipped with power (both 30A and 20A receptacles) and water.

5. **Will there be bear-proof storage lockers for people who cycle in?**
   Yes. Keeping campers safe in bear country is a priority for Alberta Parks. A bear-proof food storage locker unit will be added to the walk-in tent site area.

6. **When is construction going to start?**
   Construction will start in December 2016 and be completed by June 2017.

7. **Why is Alberta Parks proceeding with this project?**
   This project is part of Alberta Park's commitment to provide quality recreation facilities under the Plan for Parks, the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan and the Bow Valley Protected Areas Management Plan. These plans detail Alberta Park's intentions to expand and modernize recreational facilities, such as campgrounds, for Albertans to enjoy.

8. **Will the campground become too crowded?**
   The current layout of the Bow River Campground is relatively sparse. New campsites will be constructed in existing large gaps between sites. Alberta Parks will ensure that some trees surround all sites to maintain privacy between sites.

9. **Who should I contact for more information?**
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