



Area Management Strategies

Backgrounder: Mountain National Parks

A Need for Change

While the mountain national parks have much in common, many areas have unique stories, ecological conditions, and visitor opportunities. These areas require individual strategies that are tailored to individual circumstances and that integrate objectives for resource protection, visitor experiences and education.

Background

- Preparing an area plan involves:
 - identifying distinct areas
 - engaging stakeholders in creating a vision and implementing strategies for each area
 - setting ecological, visitor experience and educational objectives
 - preparing integrated strategies for each area
- Area plans are already in place for several locations (e.g. Lake Louise Area Strategy, Lands Adjacent to the Town of Banff).
- Plans for other areas are in progress (e.g. Icefields Parkway, Blakiston Valley) or scheduled for completion within the next five years (e.g. Bow Valley Parkway, Meadows in the Sky Parkway).
- A draft concept for the Icefields Parkway is available for review.

Existing Management Plan Direction

- Each park management plan provides detailed direction for several areas in the park.

Future Directions

Parks Canada welcomes public comments on the following proposed direction for the revised management plan.

Identify new areas that would benefit from detailed strategies.
Set planning priorities for the next five years.

