



## ***Limits to Development***

Backgrounder: Mountain National Parks

### ***Staying the Course***

The provisions surrounding development in the existing management plans remain current.

### ***Existing Management Plan Direction***

The management plans contain many actions designed to maintain the parks as special places by directing and limiting both public and commercial development.

While each plan varies slightly in response to local circumstances, in general the following apply:

- limits on community boundaries, commercial space, outlying commercial accommodation, campgrounds and picnic areas
- with the exception of the Whistlers/future Townsite Hostel in Jasper, no expansion of hostels or backcountry lodges and huts
- no additional park land for commercial development, including golf courses and ski areas
- zoning to align development and use with the environmental and physical limitations of each park
- large areas established by regulation as “Declared Wilderness” to preserve their natural state and wilderness character

### ***Considerations***

- The approved management plans support a range of visitor experiences, from activities enjoyed in the communities by many people to multi-day trips into remote areas for wilderness travellers.
- Policy decisions on limits to the developed footprint in national parks were the result of extensive analysis and public review; they remain valid.
- In many cases, neighbouring communities, provincial parks and commercial operators outside the parks offer possible opportunities for development.
- Ski areas are the subject of a separate backgrounder.

### ***Future Directions***

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

- Maintain the existing limits to development for communities, outlying commercial operations and other built facilities, both public and commercial.

