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Riding Mountain National Park and East Gate NHS

Management Plan Implementation Update



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Management Plan Update: 2015

Management Plans:

- Identify long term direction and management actions
- Consistent with Parks Canada Mandate: protect, present, foster understanding for future generations
- Existing plan Tabled in Parliament 2007, Amended 2012
- Plan to be revised every 10 years
- RMNP Revision due 2022

Annual Updates:

- Progress update to partners, stakeholders and public
- Implementation highlights 2015-16



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A Place for Nature: Managing for Ecological Integrity

Research:

- Wolf movement and prey selection
- Bison and grazing effects in grasslands
- Bison wallows on grassland species diversity
- Bear movement
- Impact Analysis for the Highway 10 Pavement project



Prescribed Burns: forest and grassland renewal

- 1100 ha. prescribed burn in 2015
 - 5 year average is 1000 ha/yr
 - Largest burn was 4000 ha/yr
 - Total area burned since 1994 is 20,000 ha

Aquatic Invasive Species Action:

- Zebra mussel prevention program: boat inspections and public awareness campaign
- Boat cove improvements



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A Place for Nature: Managing for Ecological Integrity

Management of Clear Lake

- Developing cooperative agreement with Keeseekoowenin Ojibway FN
- Joint collection of data on whitefish
- Connections restored in streams in Clear Lake and other watersheds
- Documented improvements in nutrient condition of Clear Lake



Bovine Tuberculosis

- Disease levels continue to drop: cattle testing ended, elk testing continues
- Cooperation with First Nations and stakeholders continues at high level

Contaminated site remediation

- Grey Owl Dump, Mt. Agassiz Ski Hill, Wasagaming Gas station: remediated



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A Place of Historical and Cultural Significance

East Gate NHS:

- Revitalization and Public information plan finalized

Aspen Archeological site:

- Dig completed with Anishinabe partner involvement
- Further sites on Clear Lake being investigated with partner involvement

Anishinabe Interpretation:

- First Anishinabe Interpreter hired,
- Traditional Knowledge Council established
- 28 events, 7200 contacts





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Engaging Canadians: Opportunities for Learning

Outreach/Promotion programs

- Assiniboine Zoo programs: 14,035
- Festival du Voyageur/Man. Museum other venues: 8,206
- Grey Cup Parade/promotional events 67,000



Park Interpretation:

- New Anishinabe Interpreter hired, program developed
- 7500 visitors attended park programs (June-Oct and December)
- 100 schools, 2090 students attended guided park programs





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A Place for People: Opportunities for Visitor Experience

Expansion of Otentik camping facilities

Revitalization of Wasagaming Campground

Mountain Bike Trails development

Lake Audy Campground Redesign

Reopening of Mt. Agassiz site
to day use

Trail Stewards/Friends of Riding Mountain continue with 4th year of
ski trail grooming





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A Place for Community: Wasagaming

Community Plan for Wasagaming signed

Discussions on Destination Marketing Organization launched

Limited winter services provided

Special Events Series delivered in cooperation with various partners, Friends of Riding Mountain





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Throughways and Utilities

Highway 10 resurfacing begins

- \$36 million
- Anishinabe/Private Company Partnership
- First year of 5 year project

Revitalize Wasagaming Campground

- \$2.5 million
- shower/washrooms, electrical services

Water/sewer services installed/upgrades to showers in Old Campground,

- \$ 2.4 million

Revitalize Maintenance Compound: building reduction/rebuild

- \$ 2.5 million





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A Place for Open Management: Strategy for Regional Integration

Riding Mountain Forum and Senior Officials Forum

- Maintain dialogue and working relationships with seven First Nation communities surrounding RMNP

Riding Mountain Advisory Board

- Provide advice on key management plan topics

Wasagaming Tenants Association

- Annual meetings with cottage, cabin owners and businesses

Bovine TB Stakeholder Advisory Committee

- Annual meetings to provide updates and seek advice





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A Place for Open Management: Strategy for Regional Integration

Riding Mountain Liaison Committee

- Maintain dialogue and working relationships with surrounding rural municipalities and provincial government related to trans-boundary issues.

Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve

- Lead strategic planning exercise and report to UNESCO on biosphere status and accomplishments.



Travel Manitoba

- Continue joint marketing initiatives and working relationships
- Clear Lake Country Destination Marketing Organization