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ROAD WATCH IN THE PASS MEETS WITH ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION

Road Watch in the Pass results were shared recently with representatives from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation (AIT), McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd. and EBA Consulting Ltd. at a recent meeting in Edmonton. The Road Watch project was discussed as well as preliminary results of wildlife crossing hotspots and wildlife movement along Highway 3. Road Watch looks forward to keeping these channels of contact open, working with AIT in the future and ensuring that Road Watch information is included in the decision making process regarding Highway 3.

Road Watch has been chosen as a finalist in the 2006 Stockholm Challenge in the Environment category! This International Information Communication Technology Award will be presented to the winner on May 10, 2006 in Stockholm Sweden. Ken Sanderson of Miistakis Institute and the programmer of the Road Watch online mapping tool and website will be going to Sweden on behalf of Road Watch for the workshop and award ceremony. Congratulations and good luck!

Road Watch is always looking for new participants and wildlife observers. If you see wildlife on or near Highway 3 simply enter your observation on the online mapping tool found at www.rockies.ca/roadwatch, or call 564-4833 and leave a detailed message about your observation.

Local Road Watch coordinator Janet Quinn comments that, "This is an easy way to help collect and record information about wildlife in the Crowsnest Pass. The mapping tool is very innovative, straightforward to use, great for the whole family!" Quinn can be reached at 564-4833 or jcquin@telus.net for more information and is available to do presentations and information sessions about the project and the website for groups and individuals.

A huge thank-you to Alberta Conservation association (ACA) for funding Road Watch. ACA is a non-profit, non-government association working collaboratively to conserve and enhance Alberta's wildlife, fisheries and habitat. Road Watch continues to be supported by a large number of dedicated volunteers in the Crowsnest Pass as well as the Woodcock foundation, Alberta Ecotrust Foundation, TD Friends of the Environment, Shell Environmental Fund, University of Calgary and Miistakis Institute.