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Carnivores Crossing

Since November 2004, Road Watch has recorded 30 carnivore observations crossing or near Highway 3! These observations contribute to the understanding of where carnivores are crossing Highway 3. Working in conjunction with Volker Stevin, mortality information and local observations complement each other to form a valuable data set including both herbivores and carnivores!

As we head into 2007, Road Watch in the Pass is actively encouraging all Pass residents to enter wildlife observations along Highway 3 onto the Road Watch website at www.rockies.ca/roadwatch, or on the 24-hour hotline at 564-4833.

Road Watch is in its third year of collecting data about where and when wildlife is seen moving across or beside Highway 3 between the Alberta/BC border and Lundbreck. The most recent map (attached) specifically highlights carnivore movement through this area. People in the Crowsnest Pass have an excellent knowledge of wildlife in this area and it is important to document this over time to determine patterns of movement of all species, for human and wildlife safety issues, as well as Highway mitigation. We all want to feel safe driving on the highway. Watch for more information about the upcoming Road Watch committee meeting, (complete with great snacks and ideas)! New participants are always welcome!