

# Road Watch Press Release June 2007

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## Road Watch Needs Your Support

Road Watch in the Pass continues to collect data on wildlife crossing, or near Highway 3. Since November 2004, participants have collected over 2500 wildlife observations along Highway 3. If you are interested in wildlife we need you as a participant. Check out the project website at [www.rockies.ca/roadwatch](http://www.rockies.ca/roadwatch).

We are very sad to announce that Janet Quinn our local project Coordinator will be leaving the Pass with her family this summer. Janet was instrumental in the development and implementation of Road Watch in the Pass and has continued to play an important role over the last three years in coordinating Road Watch. We will all miss you Jan and wish you the best of luck in your new town and home.

The new Road Watch project coordinator is Rob Schaufele. He has been an active Road Watch participant since the project was established in 2004. Jan and Rob will be working together for the month of June. Welcome aboard Rob!

April 4<sup>th</sup> 2007 saw the second Road Watch committee meeting. Many suggestions were offered on how to improve the project and move the project ahead. If you were not able to attend, check out the minutes on the Road Watch website. One suggestion was to add local wildlife photos to the website to help others identify wildlife, and give everyone a chance to enjoy some of the beautiful wildlife found in the Crowsnest Pass! If you have any local wildlife photos that you would like to display on the Road Watch website, contact Rob, the new local project coordinator at [rob.roadwatch@shaw.ca](mailto:rob.roadwatch@shaw.ca) or 564-4833.

Road Watch was presented at a Road Ecology Workshop in Bozeman, Montana on April 12, 2007. This workshop was co-hosted by the Western Transportation Institute, American Wildlands, Wildlife Conservation Society, and the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative. The workshop was designed to share the latest in highway mitigation science, the successes of public-private partnerships, and recent innovations in road ecology. A number of successful mitigation

projects were presented where State Transportation departments worked with stakeholders, including local citizens, conservation groups and state biologists to mitigate for wildlife movement. It was very inspiring to see people working together to successfully implement mitigation projects. Road Watch was presented as an innovative tool for data collection to assist in the mitigation of wildlife and highways and continues to serve as a model and inspiration for other communities to collect wildlife movement data along highways.

Congratulations to Randy Cater, winner of the most recent Road Watch prize draw!! Randy wins dinner at River's Ridge Restaurant. All participants are entered in a prize draw every time they enter a wildlife sighting on the website or on the phone-in line, and winner names are randomly drawn. New participants are welcome and are automatically entered in the prize draw! For more information on this community based project, to offer feedback or suggestions, or to enter **your** wildlife observations along Highway 3 between the BC/Alberta border and Lundbreck check out [www.rockies.ca/roadwatch](http://www.rockies.ca/roadwatch) or call 564-4833.