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## Surprise!

We had a surprise visit this summer  
- the Grey Cup dropped by to pose  
with Wiley & Casey!  
Thanks Ed for Valternberg  
for bringing it by!

## ALPHAS' XMAS LETTER

2009, where has it gone! Just yesterday I was training staff for the summer months and today I am writing my traditional Christmas greeting for the news letter. What another wonderful year! Again, Casey and my self have to thank all of our staff for the great job they have done, and are still doing. As well as thanking you, our sponsors and our supporters! Thanks for all of your support our wolves would not be heard about if it wasn't for you!

Some quick up dates: the Canadian wolf coalition is going strong Sadie is working real hard on networking and getting organizations on track with us. As for the Bear dogs well... by 2010 I am hoping I will have an answer for you all. Keep writing letters and making noise about changing the laws in B.C.!

As you have all heard, the wolf centre was on the CBC dragon's Den! And if you were watching they did not become supporters, but that is just fine! The real reason we did it was for the exposure!

On a sadder note, our Beta of the wolf office has resigned from the pack. "Ivanka" has stepped away from the pack. She has been one of our longest term pack members who is a wealth of knowledge and strengths. She is greatly missed.

This years New Years resolution is to have Moab and Keehta on display and to have the section 78 changed in the B.C. Wildlife Act!

All the best everyone and remember use your voice and spread the word about wolves! Thanks again for your support!

Sincerely,

Shelley & Casey Black  
and all of the Wolves at the Wolf Center



### "Wiley and Aspen"

For once Aspen lets Wiley catch up to her and lets him run by her side.

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul. ~ John Muir



## NORTHERN LIGHTS WILDLIFE MOONLIGHT HOWLS

COME HOWL WITH THE  
WOLVES!

JOIN US THURSDAY  
NIGHTS @ 7:00 PM  
BON-FIRE,  
MARSHMALLOWS,

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE  
FAMILY!



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### PAW PRINTS IN THE SAND

*The prints in the sand are canine.*

*The moonlight Weavers*

*rush across the landscape,*

*from spraying sand to hard packed beach-  
zone*

*where crazed breakers spill their content  
and send suds across the tide-line.*

*Perched on a bone-dead log,*

*half burried in the cold night-sands of  
autumn,*

*a wolf stands silent and still,*

*Overlooked as mere driftwood*

*but alert to his pack*

*running in unison through night,*

*through time, through legend.*

*Moonlight phosphorescence tips the fur  
and blazed the golden iris*

*of each wise and wily creature.*

*The night is long.*

*The beach is vast.*

*The hunt is crucial.*

*The pack is compact.*

*The prints are all that remain*

*come early dawn.*

*Hail to the mighty and beloved wolf*

*- Merry Gooding*



## Parks Canada Management Review Plan and Process....Where do wolves fit in?

The Mountain Parks are proposing new management plans for each of the parks that would prevail for the next 5 years. This process is supposed to happen every half-decade to ensure public involvement and adaptive management procedures shape the parks. There are a few flaws in the process that are greatly concerning us. To begin with, these plans seem to focus more on “visitor enjoyment” in the National Parks than preserving and protecting ecological integrity. This is obvious when considering species such as wolves, grizzly bears, and caribou that are already struggling with the compromises these National Parks have made such as the Trans-Canada Highway, CP and CN railways, ski hills, towns, resource extraction, and small size given the mountainous restrictions to habitat.

The new management plans are slightly different for each park, but each of them use language that is quite vague, and it will be difficult to hold the parks accountable for progress or regression as far as ecological integrity, the main priority of a National Parks under the Parks Canada Mandate. The plan for Banff, which should set the precedent for National Parks across Canada, includes room for more commercial use, even as the park is shrinking in size with the twinning of the highway.

Public involvement has not been accomplished. We have been attending open house events and the review release in Banff, and can sadly say that local representation was minimal. The on-line portion of public participation was a flop, admittedly so by Parks as the system was practically useless. The plans have come out quickly and the review period is short. We are talking about decisions not only for Canada’s wilderness, but also as global standards as World Heritage Sites. 2010 has been designated by the IUCN as the Year of Biodiversity, due to the worldwide crisis of diminishing biodiversity and large carnivores. Where in the plans are the solutions for struggling keystone species such as wolves, already lost from some of this country’s national parks?



The good news is....Parks Canada is against the proposed culling or sterilization of wolves in the Parks as part of the Predator-Management Plan for BC Mountain Caribou Recovery, and Mount Revelstoke and Glacier parks are asking the provincial government for “zones of cooperation” on lands adjacent to the parks. These would commit the province to work with the parks in an attempt to manage caribou, wolves, recreational use, development....do these sound like BUFFER ZONES yet? This is a big step for these parks, and with YOUR ongoing support and efforts one that we can see taken.

You can still contribute to this planning process!!! E-mail Parks Canada with your concerns. Ask them to postpone the plan release until plans receive due diligence and come out in 2012 as was expected. An earlier release indicates that economical concerns are trumping ecological integrity, which is the long term core vision for each park and should not be compromised. Urge EVERY national park to pursue “zones of cooperation”, or “buffer zones”, for species such as wolves and caribou. Let them know you want to see clear measurable objectives that will ensure ecological integrity has priority in the parks. The plans indicate that parks recognizes that wildlife mortality along the highways and railways are a problem. Some of the parks plans go as far as to say that they plan on working to address this situation. How? Where? When?

Comments can be directed to:

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Mount Revelstoke and Glacier Parks - [MRG@pc.gc.ca](mailto:MRG@pc.gc.ca)

### THE HUNT

In the silent forest At the dusk of day Stalks a stealthy predator Right behind its prey.	The deer looks up in fright And tries to get away But the wolves gnawing hunger Gives them strength to catch their prey.
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As the deer is unaware That it is not alone The wolf still creeps up behind Keeping hidden and unknown.	The kill is quick The wolves start to eat, Shredding and tearing At the red bloody meat.
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The wolf keeps going on, Flanked by two others It will not only be his first kill But also that of his brothers.	Their muzzles red After eating their fill They start to howl To celebrate the kill.
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They leave him now Creeping through the shadows They surround the deer In his former safe meadow.	Nothing is left to waste As the ravens take their share The wolves no longer hungry Decide that they don't care.
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In some silent command Off they bound Their senses keen As each paw hits the ground.	When nothing is left Not even marrow in the bones The wolves and ravens leave And go back to their separate homes.
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Brigid Clancy

### PONDER OUR PLANET DATE - OF - EVENTS

<b>World Wetlands Day!</b>	<b>Feb. 02/2010</b>
<b>World Forestry Day</b>	<b>March 21/2010</b>
<b>World Water Day</b>	<b>March 22/2010</b>
<b>Earth Hour</b>	<b>March 28/2010</b>
<b>World Health Day</b>	<b>April 07/2010</b>
<b>World Heritage Day</b>	<b>April 18/2010</b>
<b>Earth Day</b>	<b>April 22/2010</b>
<b>Wiley's Birthday!</b>	<b>May 03/2010</b>
<b>World Migratory Bird Day</b>	<b>May 08-09/2010</b>
<b>International Day of Biodiversity</b>	<b>May 22/2010</b>
<b>National Volunteer Week</b>	<b>May 11-17/2010</b>

Biodiversity is the variety of species, genetics of species, and landscape within a defined range or region. A biodiverse world is a healthy world.