

A Word from the President

With more campers and different rules in different campgrounds, 2020 was a challenge. We want to thank our membership for supporting us through this difficult season. It looks like 2021 will work out better for all of us. This year we are going to try to have more camphosts. Work is already underway to expand the campground at Eagle by adding about 30 sites and making the staging area parking lot bigger. More highlines will be put in at Panther and Eagle too. The manure piles at the Bighorn and Panther are getting cleaned up. We are building a new road to the manure pile at Eagle and putting in a new manure site at Hummingbird.

Along with all the above projects we will be doing the usual work at our campgrounds. Fallen trees and hazardous trees will be cut up. More fire pits and picnic tables are being added. The outhouses will receive their annual maintenance and get painted.

Down the road, we are planning 10 new sites at Panther and 15 more sites at Hummingbird. New toilets will be added to our campgrounds as well. We may even get a few new campgrounds.

With all this said, I am asking for each one of you to please buy a membership and sell one to your neighbor. Any donations that you can roundup will be appreciated too. With your support and hard work, we can keep improving these campgrounds, keep them free of charge and open all year round.

Dale Marshall

President, FOESA



There are BIG things happening out at the FOESA managed campgrounds and recreation areas!



Work is underway to create new sites and improved access at Eagle Creek Campground and the Eagle Lake staging area. With increasing numbers of recreational users, the need for more campsites has also increased. Approximately 30 new sites will be developed this year, along with increased parking space for day users at the Eagle Lake staging area. Head west and check it out for yourself!

Please remember to put out your Fire

Remember to keep your campfires contained to the fire rings provided and don't dump hot ashes or embers outside of these rings in order to avoid ground fires. Ensure your fire is out before you leave to keep the sites safe for all users.



Upcoming events

Campground clean up dates are set for:

May 29- Bighorn/Eagle Creek/Panther
June 5- Cutt-Off Creek/7Mile
June 19- Hummingbird

Members are encouraged to come on out for clean-up days, get some fresh air, mountain views and meet the directors while you're at it! Contact a board member for more details.

Invasive Plants in the Backcountry

INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION

BECAUSE WE LOVE OUR TRAILS AND CAMPGROUNDS JUST THE WAY THEY ARE!

WHAT ARE INVASIVE SPECIES?

**SIMPLY PUT: WEEDS!
OR, A PLANT OR ANIMAL NOT NATIVE TO THE AREA**



Invasive plants can be introduced to the area through our hay, manure, or soil movement on our trucks and trailers. Many of these plants do very well when introduced, displacing native vegetation that make this area so beautiful and valuable to us. Wildlife rely on native vegetation as well, especially the elk. Invasive species may be regulated provincially and/or federally.

SO HOW WE CAN ALL HELP KEEP INVASIVE SPECIES OUT OF OUR CAMPGROUNDS AND TRAILS?

Weed free hay is best, but who has that? We can also:

- Clean up the areas where our horses overnight, and the places we store feed by thoroughly removing leftover hay and manure using rakes to collect fine grass and straw. Deposit this waste at the manure drop off locations
- Remove invasive species we see in our campgrounds and along trails



GREAT, SO WHAT AM I LOOKING FOR?

INVASIVE PLANTS YOU MAY SEE WHILE CAMPING AND RIDING



Bladder campion can be pulled out of the ground (try to get the root!) and bagged with your garbage or burned in your fire pit.

Bladder campion - *Silene cucubalus*



Field scabious - *Knautia arvensis*



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Opportunities with FOESA

Friends of the Eastern Slopes is seeking a **CAMPGROUND CO-** **ORDINATOR**

For Hummingbird, Cutoff Creek, and 7 Mile Campgrounds

The Campground Coordinator will be required to perform the following tasks:

1. Be a member of FOESA
2. Provide a Criminal Record Check to the Board of Directors of FOESA
3. Sell membership if requested
4. Meet and orientate camp hosts on scheduled trade off days
5. Make repairs in campgrounds as needed
6. Clean toilets weekly for Cutoff and 7 Mile or as needed
7. Pressure wash toilets on a monthly basis or as needed
8. Check in and coordinate any repairs with campground hosts
9. Pick up reconciled memberships from camp hosts and deliver to Treasurer

It is expected that this position will require 5-6 hours per day and 1 to 2 days per week and will run from May to October 2021

This position will pay the following:

Hourly Rate: \$25.00

Travel: .50 cents km for backroad travel with truck

 \$1.00 km with truck/trailer

Maintenance supplies, cleaning, toilet chemical and pressure washer to be supplied by FOESA

DEADLINE FOR THE POSITION will be April 30th, 2021

If you would like more information about this position or would like to apply for the position, please send your contact information to info@foesa.org.

Friends of the Eastern Slopes is seeking
CAMPGROUND HOSTS
For our campgrounds,

(Big Horn, Eagle Creek, Panther, Hummingbird, Cutoff Creek and 7 Mile)

The Volunteer person/persons should be willing to perform the following tasks when required

1. Be a member of FOESA
2. Provide a Criminal Record Check to the Board of Directors of FOESA
3. Be aware of campers coming to the Campground and will introduce themselves and advise the campers of their role as an FOESA representative
4. Educate the campers of the role of FOESA
5. Sell membership if requested
6. Educate the campers of the guidelines for the campground and provide them with a copy of the guidelines when required or requested
7. Complete minor repairs and maintenance when required
8. Advise FOESA Campground Host Committee member when there are repairs required that are above minor repairs or maintenance
9. When approached by concerned camper, highlight the issue and take it up with the campers in question in a calm manner knowing we are not enforcement but only the campground host

More than one volunteer will be accepted for these positions which will run from May to October 2021. A calendar showing possible shifts for Campground Host/Hosts will be prepared and weeks can be chosen by the interested volunteers. Time frame will be from May 18th to mid to end October, 2021

This will be a volunteer position with an honorarium of \$350.00/week to help cover expenses.

DEADLINE FOR THE VOLUNTEER POSITION will be April 30th, 2021

We have most of our hosts from last year returning as they enjoyed their time there last year.

If you would like more information about this volunteer position or would like to volunteer for the position, please send your preferred campground and your contact information to info@foesa.org.

2021 Camp Host Schedule

Week#	Month	Start Date	End Date	Host	Type of Living Accommodation
1	May	18	25		
2	May / June	25	1		
3	June	1	8		
4	June	8	15		
5	June	15	22		
6	June	22	29		
7	June / July	29	6		
8	July	6	13		
9	July	13	20		
10	July	20	27		
11	July / August	27	3		
12	August	3	10		
13	August	10	17		
14	August	17	24		
15	August	24	31		
16	Aug / Sept	31	7		
17	September	7	14		
18	September	14	21		
19	September	21	28		
20	Sept / Oct	28	5		
21	October	5	12		
22	October	12	19		
Notes:	RV or Tent				
	Parties should meet on hand off day				

Memberships

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a FOESA membership. Memberships are \$30 and forms can be found on the website

<https://www.foesa.org/>

Memberships can be purchased by e-transfer to foesa1994@gmail.com or by cash, cheque or money order mailed to:

Friends of the Eastern Slopes

P.O.Box 6093

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Seeking New Directors

With some recent changes to the FOESA Board, we are currently searching for new directors to join our organization. If you or anyone you know are interested in coming on board, contact the current directorship for more details.

Current Board of Directors

Dale Marshall
Larry Frischke
Suzanne Comfort
Arlene Stevenson
Linus Clark
Hans VanVlaanderen
Rayanne Alm
Brenda Hepner
Murray Hagel
Gerald Olson
Stewart Graham
Graham Overguard
Buddy Gustafson
Chelsey Cyr-Jensen
Duane Papke
Murray Few

Parks Canada Regualtions

At this point, we will be operating the Bighorn campground as we did last year, with COVID related site spacing and hygiene protocols in effect. Until further notice, the campground will be at a maximum 75% capacity.