

July 28, 2022

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Mr. Victor Benz President The Alberta Fish and Game Association 13045 – 156 Street NW Edmonton, AB T5V 0A2

Dear Mr. Benz:

Thank you for your July 12, 2022, letter about the importance of the Bow Valley Gap Wildlife Overpass project located east of Canmore. The Government of Alberta was pleased to announce the construction, and expect to complete the project by fall 2023. Alberta Transportation recognizes the positive impact that this project will have on wildlife and their habitat.

Alberta Transportation, in collaboration with Alberta Environment and Parks, has developed the Alberta Wildlife Watch Program which aims to reduce animal-vehicle collisions, improve driver safety, and minimize the impacts highways have on wildlife populations. The Alberta Wildlife Watch Program achieves these objectives by identifying animal-vehicle collision prone areas across the provincial highway network for mitigation where it makes sense to do so.

I encourage you to engage Alberta Transportation to learn more about the Government of Alberta's Alberta Wildlife Watch program. Mr. Stephen Legaree, Environmental Specialist, is Alberta Transportation's lead for the program. Mr. Legaree can be reached toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-643-1525 or at Stephen.Legaree@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

Honourable Prasad Panda ECA

Minister of Transportation

cc: Mr. Stephen Legaree

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