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Living with Bison Presentation and Round-Table Discussion

Banff, Alberta – The latest Banff National Park Management Plan states a goal of reintroducing a breeding population of wild plains bison (buffalo) into Banff National Park. The reintroduction proposal is worthy of full airing to hear all points of view, and the Whyte Museum will host back-to-back opportunities to both hear from the experts and make individual voices heard.

Living with Bison Friday February 18, \$2 admission, Members FREE Noon, Part One

Bring your lunch and join us for a conversation of what the re-introduction of bison (buffalo) would mean for Banff National Park. Speakers will include Tim O'Donoghue, Executive Director of the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce, who will discuss the experiences of living with bison near Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks and Kevin Van Tighem, Banff National Park Superintendent on Parks Canada's vision about bringing wild bison into the park.

1:30 PM, Part Two

Listen to a stimulating round-table discussion about the impact of the re-introduction of bison (buffalo) to Banff National Park. A number of experts – including Bill Hunt, Parks Canada; Leslie Taylor, Consultant; Harvey Locke, Trustee, The Eleanor Luxton Historical Foundation; Cliff White, Research Director, Canadian Rockies Bison Initiative; Gord Vaadeland, Executive Director of the Sturgeon River Plains Bison Stewards, SK; and Tim O'Donoghue, Executive Director of the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce – will discuss their varied perspectives on this issue while welcoming audience questions and input.

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These sessions are presented in collaboration with the Eleanor Luxton Historical Foundation and the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce.

About the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies welcomes those who are drawn to the power and inspiration of these mountains. We are the gateway for experiencing and enjoying its art, culture and history in order to inspire and cultivate knowledge and the exchange of ideas. Visitors from near and far experience the Museum's galleries, programs, archives and library, heritage homes, museum shop, guided walks, tours and special events.

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