



*Wilderness Tourism Association of the Yukon  
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## **#1 Yukon Government Undertake Grizzly Bear Management Plan**

Nationally, grizzlies are listed as a species of “Special Concern” and the Yukon government believes that in the near future, a federal conservation and management plan will be developed. To create a “made in the Yukon” management plan that addresses Yukon specific guidance and informs decisions related to grizzly bear conservation and management in the Territory, Environment Yukon is starting its own development process.

A working group made up of three delegates from the Yukon Government and three from the Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board has been created and I attended a workshop on July 27 as a representative of the wilderness tourism industry. The workshop was well attended by a wide variety of representatives and a substantial amount of information and viewpoints were provided to the working group. The group is in the preliminary stages of the project and is currently focusing on information gathering from interested and affected parties. They hope to release a project schedule in the next few weeks.

I will keep you all informed as new information becomes available and I’ve attached a FAQ sheet (“GBCMP background FAQ”) that we were provided

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## **#2 Changes Regarding International Travelers to Canada**

## **Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) now mandatory**

As of September 2016, Canada's Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) will be fully implemented, meaning all air travellers from countries that currently do not need a visa to visit Canada (excluding the U.S.) will require an eTA for entry into the country.

At a cost of CDN \$7, travellers can obtain the eTA through a short questionnaire on the Government of Canada's website, after which the eTA is electronically linked to the traveller's passport number. The eTA will be valid for five years or until the passport expires, whichever comes first. It is expected that over 3 million travellers a year will require an eTA.

For more information, visit [Immigration and Citizenship Canada](#)

## **Mexican Visa Requirements - Changes Ahead**

As of December 1, 2016, the newly implemented Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) will replace visa requirements for Mexican visitors. The eTA is much more accessible and affordable than the traditional visa process for travellers wishing to come to Canada.

Charlotte Bell, TIAC President & CEO has said of the change in travel requirements for Mexico: "By lifting this visa, we expect that visitation will increase by up to an additional 82,000 Mexicans a year – spending up to \$122 million more at Canadian businesses".

Tourism Yukon is continuing to strategically increase investment in the growing Mexican market and expects to see increased visitation to Yukon by Mexicans in the coming years. [Learn more about what this mean for Mexican travellers](#)

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## **#3 Tourism Yukon Monthly Indicator Reports Available**

Did you know, border crossing numbers from January to May are up 3% over the same period in 2015 (and this excludes Yukoners!)

Learn more by checking out the monthly indicator reports for January to May 2016 on our website. [To read the full reports please visit our website](#)

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## **#4 Wilderness First Aid Courses Offered in September & October**

Aurora Safety Training is offering Advanced Wilderness and Remote First Aid and Wilderness and Remote First Aid in September and October. For more details, please see the attached document ("First Aid Training Fall Courses - Aurora Safety Training") or visit

[www.auroratraining.ca](http://www.auroratraining.ca)

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## **#5 Couple with Degrees in Adventure Tourism are Seeking Work in the Yukon**

Valérie Fluet and Jérémie Brazeau have Bachelor's Degree in Adventure Tourism from the Université du Québec in Chicoutimi and are seeking employment in the Yukon. Both have experience in dog mushing, guiding, and wilderness experience. In addition to other training their resumes indicate that they both have Sirius Wilderness Medicine, Sea kayaking skills FQCK - level 2, and White water safety and rescue qualification - level 2. If you would like to know more about Valérie and Jérémie, please take a look at their attached resumes.

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## #6 Two People with Wilderness Tourism Experience are Looking for Work

Colin Hines and Pavla Volkova have a variety of wilderness training certifications and experience and would love to work in the Yukon. Pavla who is from the Czech Republic, has training as a high mountain guide, including ski touring and climbing, a well as experience with customer service, as a mountain guide, and as a ski and snowboard instructor. Colin's education and training includes; ALP training, wilderness first responder and swift water rescue. His work experience includes; dog mushing and outfitter guiding. He also enjoys mountaineering and ice climbing. You can review both of their attached resumes and contact them for further details.

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