



BC Parks

## 2014 Comment Card Responses

Thanks to everyone who submitted comments, concerns and questions to our comment card box last season. Some common themes emerged – our responses are below.

**There is a lack of activities or short trails at Spectrum Lake Camp – either around the Lake or to Spectrum Falls.** We know most folks come to Spectrum Lake to fish and/or relax. As for hiking, the walk to Little Peters is quite strenuous and the only other option is back down the trail to the trailhead. There is a long term plan to create a trail and install a bridge to the falls on the south side of the lake, although a bridge is logistically difficult over Spectrum Creek near the camp. A trail around the Lake would not be feasible without a large amount of boardwalk.

**Need for more fire wood.** Done! Thanks to fire crews from Forestry! It was much easier in the past to collect wood as Spectrum Lake Camp had a lot of windfall. Most of the firewood now comes from hazard trees which have been felled. Please help out by keeping your fire small and only having a fire when required – cooking...and maybe a few stories before bed.

**Why no dogs / Some people brought their dog!** We like dogs as much as anyone, but Monashee Park was created in part for the protection of Mountain Caribou...now endangered. They are rarely seen, but a small herd still exists in the Park and our goal is to reduce stress on them as much as possible.

**The campsites and facilities are awesome / Park is looking well cared for.** Thanks! Rangers spent a lot of time at Spectrum last summer and, with the help of our firefighting friends at Forestry we were able to install some new fire rings, and picnic tables, paint the shelters and replace the aging shelter roofs.

**All the toilets were out of toilet paper!** We no longer supply toilet paper in the toilets – please bring your own.

**There's garbage in the fire rings and food cache.** There shouldn't be. Rangers and the site contractor pick up garbage, but Spectrum Lake Camp is still a user-maintained site. Do your part by packing out what you've brought in and encourage others to do the same.

**Toilets are sometimes clean, sometimes...not so much.** We heard you! Previously, toilets were cleaned by Park Rangers when they happened to be at Spectrum Lake Camp for other reasons. Starting in 2015, BC Parks has retained the services of a contractor to clean the toilets and campsites on a regular basis (Spectrum Lake Camp only).

**You guys are amazing!** That's what we tell ourselves every morning too!

**We like the quiet and peaceful setting here.** So do we. Do you know *Monashee* means “Mountains of Peace”?