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GIDDY UP!
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Chris Hager drifts around a barrel during the chuckwagon races at the third annual Mini Thni Indian Relay Race at the Wapta Ipa Aktakiyebi Chagu (Goodstoney) race track on Friday (Aug. 22).
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Phase two of Bow Valley fireguard underway, temporary closures at nordic centre

JOHN WATSON

BOW VALLEY — Phase two of the Bow Valley Fireguard program has begun, which may impact some recreational activities with closures in place around the Canmore Nordic Centre.

The project, which started Aug. 18 and is expected to run until March 2026, represents a partnership between the Town of Canmore, MD of Bighorn and Kananaskis Improvement District, with support

from Alberta Forestry and Parks, to reduce the risk and potential severity of wildfires in the area.

"Phase two is three distinct areas at the Canmore Nordic Centre," said Nicky Pacas, communications advisor with the Town of Canmore. "We have divided it between Nordic Centre East, Upper and Lower, then Nordic Centre West, which bumps right up against the boundary of Banff National Park.

"From all three areas combined, you are looking at approximately 82 hectares of forest that will be

harvested and cleared and then 35 hectares of thinning."

Pacas added the closure area around the Canmore Nordic Centre is noticeably more significant than the actual work area. This is to promote human safety in the vicinity of the work area.

"It is an active logging area and we will have logging vehicles moving through the Canmore Nordic Centre in addition to Alberta Parks staff," she said.

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HORSE POWER

The third annual Mini Thni Indian Relay Race was held at the Wapta Ipa Aktakiyebi Chagu (Goodstoney) race track from Friday to Sunday (Aug. 22-24). Clockwise from top left: John Wildcat drives his team during the chuckwagon races; Wagiyâ Relay Indian relay team's rider Denver Tootosis leaps off a horse to switch horses in the relay races; Trina Noskiye races around a barrel; Battle River Outlaws Indian relay team's rider Garren Baptiste misses the reins on his first attempt to mount a horse bareback; Albert Whiskeyjack, left, Clayton Wildcat dash to the finish line; R&B Express Indian relay team's rider Tyrone Jackson celebrates crossing the finish line.

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