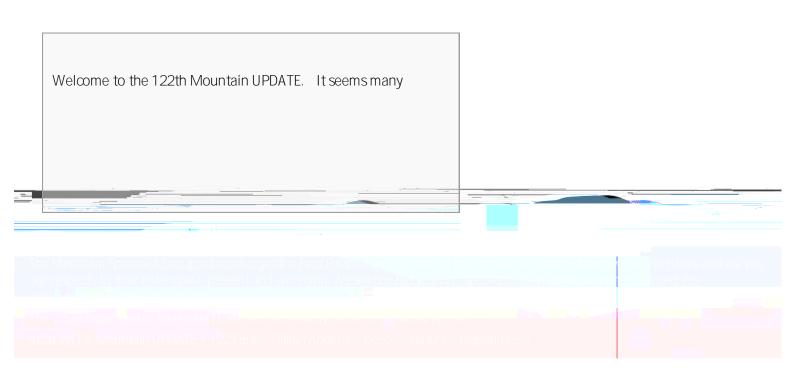


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News of the Canadian government's intent on to explore creat on of a new nat onal park in Yukon Territory's on Gwich'in and First Nat on of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun territory is welcome, say staf at Yellowstone to Yukon Conservat on Init at ve.

Lands and waters being considered include the Peel River corridor, Turner Lake Wetlands, and

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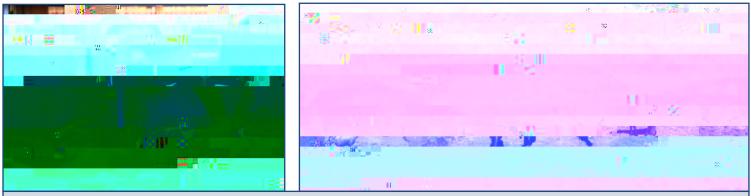
rom the moment the rangers first saw him on their trail cameras, the



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Conservat onists said for the first time the number of horses removed from the park would exceed the annual growth in horse populations, giving hope that a major threat for under-pressure ecosystems was starting to be addressed.

Data released by the government this week shows 5,539 horses have been killed since aerial shoot ng resumed late last year. A further 427 horses were removed through other methods, such as trapping and rehoming and ground shoot ng, since the last populat on surveys in October, which est mated the number of feral horses in the park had ballooned to 17,000.



"The numbers speak for themselves. There have been simply too many wild (feral) horses in Kosciuszko nat onal park," Minister Sharpe (above with image of endangered Broad-tooth rat) said. "The NSW government is delivering on its commitment to protect and restore our environment, and I am sure we will soon see the benef ts for our nat ve plants and animals as well as our precious alpine Oceania-New Zealand

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### Indigenous Filipinos f ght to protect biodiverse mountains from mining

At the foothills of the Victoria-Anepahan Mountains in the Philippines', the Indigenous Tagbanua have lived with the rhythms of nature for generat ons. They rely on the lush landscape for everything they need, from food and water to nont mber products.

But their forest and way of life are under threat as mining companies covet the mountains for their nickel and other mineral resources, which are highly sought af er for the global transit on to renewable energy. The Indigenous Tagbanua are organizing to halt these mining plans before they begin, along with downstream farmers, church and civil society groups. Concerns raised by the Tagbanua and other mining opponents include loss of land and livelihood, reduced supply of water for irrigat on, and damage to a unique and biodiverse ecosystem.



Tanzania's 'mountain of millipedes' yields six new species

Scient sts have recently described six new species of millipedes, including one from an ent rely new genus, in Tanzania's Eastern Arc Mountains. This brings the number of new species found in the <u>Udzungwa Mountains</u> since 2014 to 81 — further conf rming the rich biodiversity of these isolated mountain blocks.

#### Grizzly Bears

In Washington, NPS has partnered with US Fish and Wildlife on a plan													
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#### Warmer & Wet er Monsoon Season

As Afghanistan reels from f ash f oods that have killed more than 300 people and destroyed thousands of homes, the countries of the Hindu Kush Himalaya are braced for what might be a dif cult monsoon season ahead, with experts warning of above average temperatures, and higher rainfall for Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Pakistan. The outlook for June to September comes af er a heatwave broke temperature records across the region last month—Nepal saw wildf res blaze in every province when high temperatures followed below-average winter precipitat on.

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