



January & February 2019

Field report



Main activities summary

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- 05 Communication & community outreach





01

New projects

Endangered Landscape
Programme

LIFE+



Activities

- The Endangered Landscapes Programme (ELP) is managed by the Cambridge Conservation Initiative and funded by Arcadia - a charitable fund of Peter Baldwin and Lisbet Rausing.
www.endangeredlandscapes.org
- The 5 million \$US grant received by FCC through the ELP will facilitate Foundation Conservation Carpathia's project to create a wilderness reserve large enough to allow natural processes to take place, to benefit biodiversity and local communities, and to serve as a model for a future National Park.
- The project started in January 2019 and will cover activities for the next 5 years:
 - Forest conservation
 - Restoration of degraded habitats on 2,350 ha
 - Wildlife management (bison and beaver reintroduction in the Fagaras Mountains, intervention team to prevent human – wildlife conflicts, electrical fences, private compensations for wildlife damages)
 - Development of conservation enterprises with entrepreneurs from villages around the Fagaras Mountains
 - Communication, community outreach, human dimensions research, and local/national events

Activities

- **LIFE** is the financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU
- In January, FCC has submitted a new application in the frame of the LIFE programme to the European Commission that will cover major activities in the communities surrounding the Fagaras Mountains
- The project proposal has 75 activities covering our 5 pillars of activity:
 - Forest conservation
 - Restoration of degraded habitats
 - Wildlife management
 - Community outreach
 - Conservation enterprises
- The approval of the project would be another important step towards a National Park in cooperation with local communities

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Forest conservation and management:

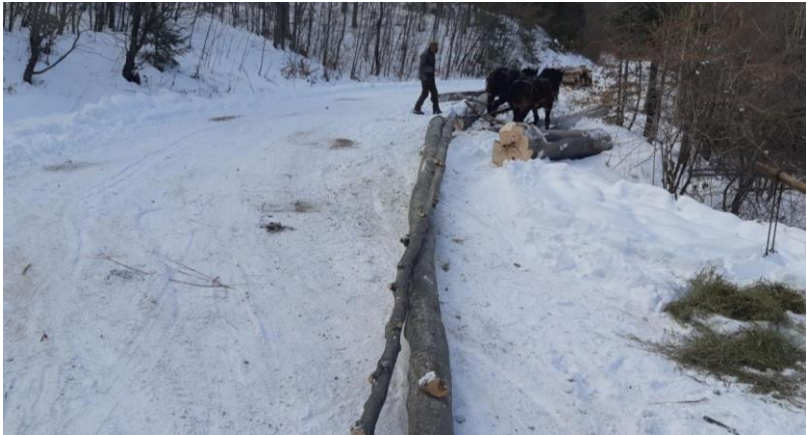
Purchased 312 ha of land for full protection

Patrolling to prevent illegal activities



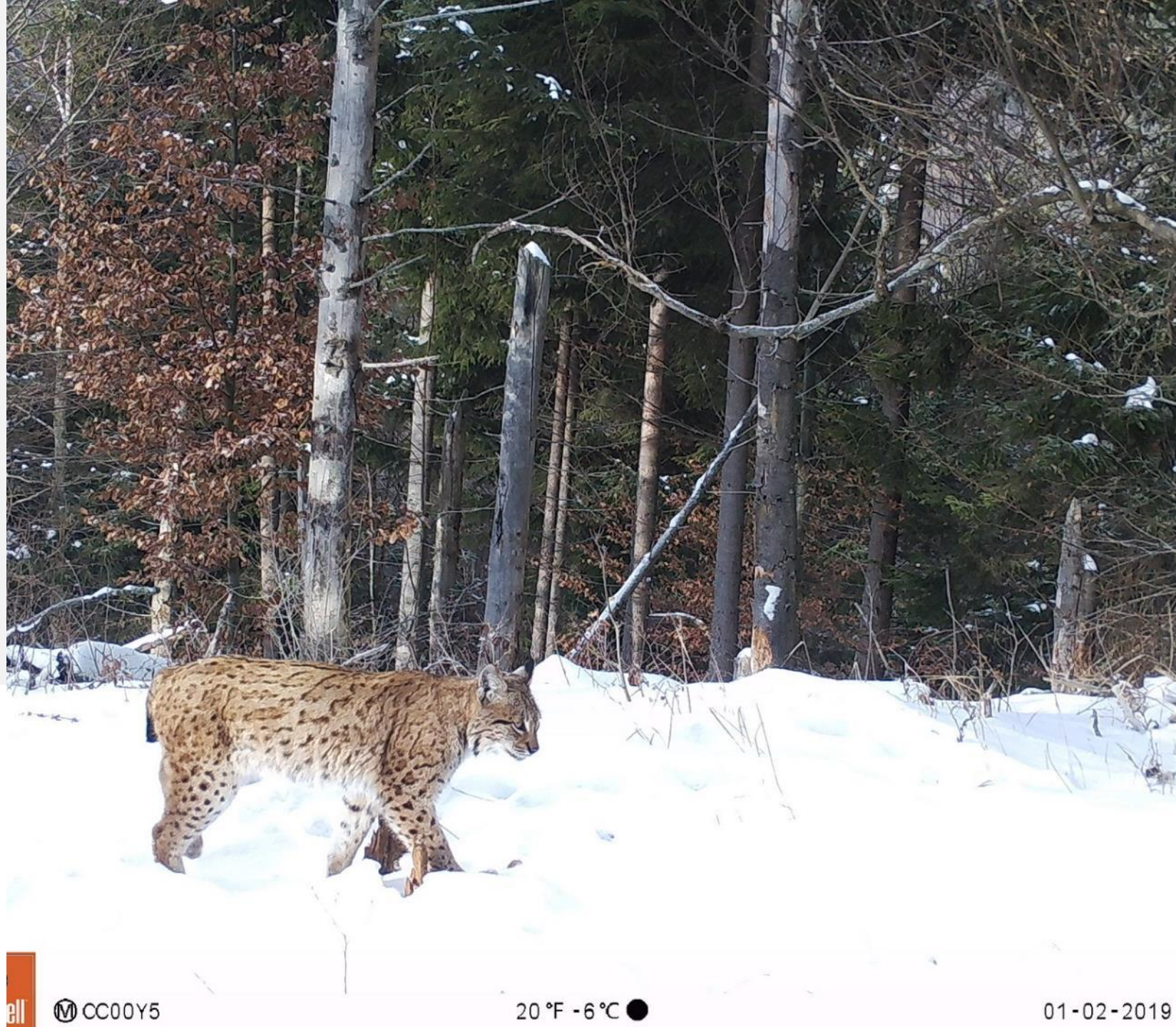
Activities

- Râul Târgului – Argeșel – Râușor Natura 2000 site: Ongoing work on the management plan – GIS analysis, maps, large carnivores conservation status
- Leaota Mountain: Work on the annual report regarding the activities conducted in Wildland forests and on the distribution maps of alder corridors. Also on the Conservation plan for Wildlife properties.
- Patrols together with the local Gendarmerie to prevent illegal activities
- Supplying firewood from accidental falls, for disadvantaged members of the local communities. This helps to decrease the pressure of illegal cuttings due to the firewood crisis and the harsh winter.



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Wildlife conservation



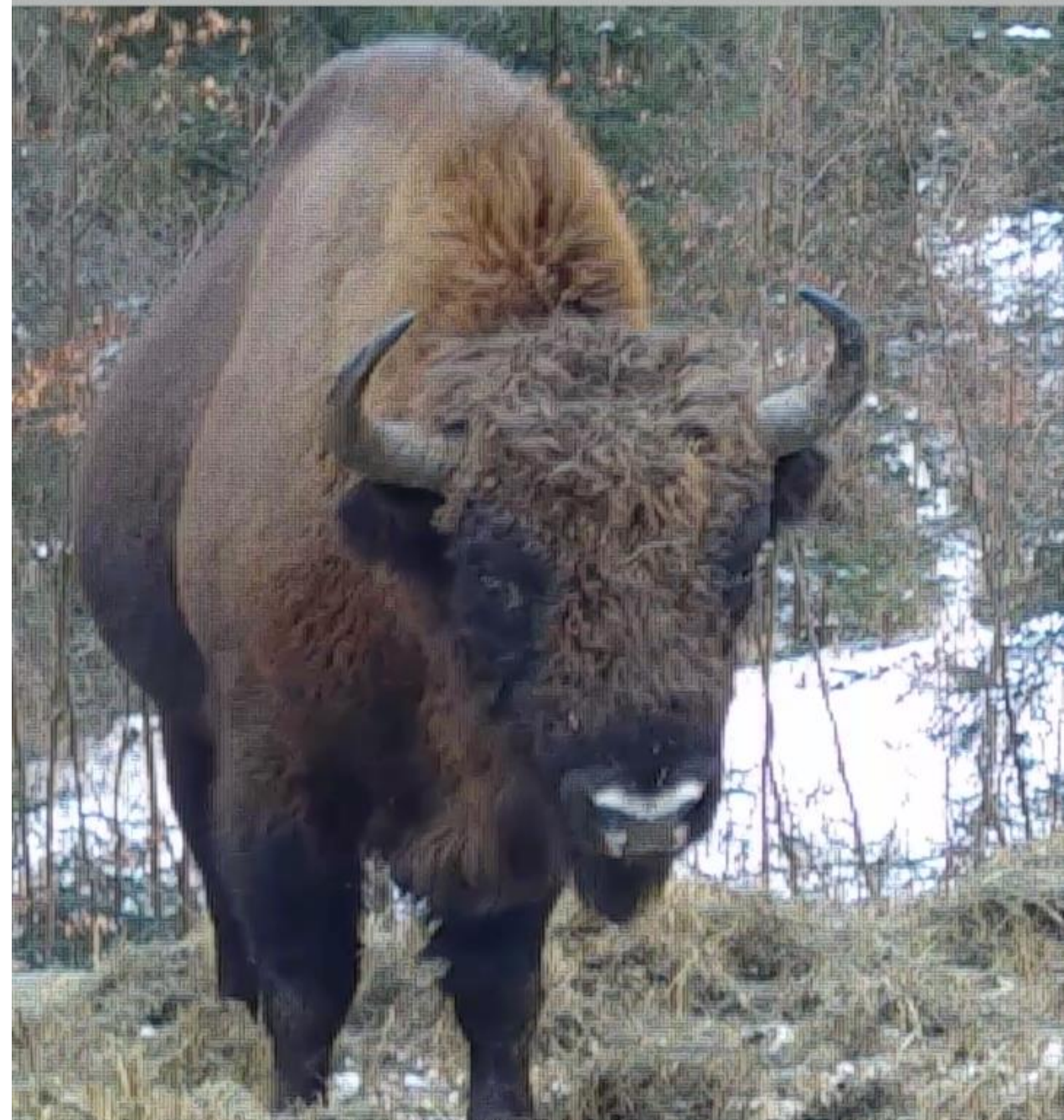
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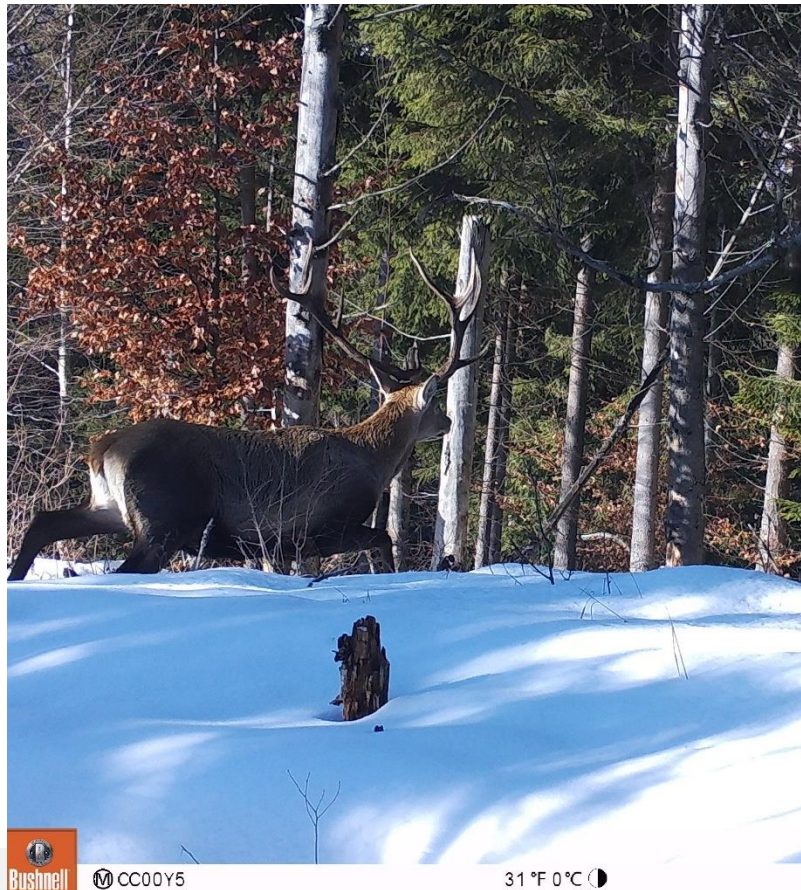
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Activities

- Continue the DNA sampling for lynx and wolves to determine population numbers: so far we have collected 55 wolf samples and 22 lynx samples
- Check camera trap information and centralise the information into a database
- FCC visit to our colleagues from Vanatori Neamt Natural Park to learn about bison management for our bison reintroduction programme in the Fagaras Mountains
- Anti poaching patrols



Camera trap photos

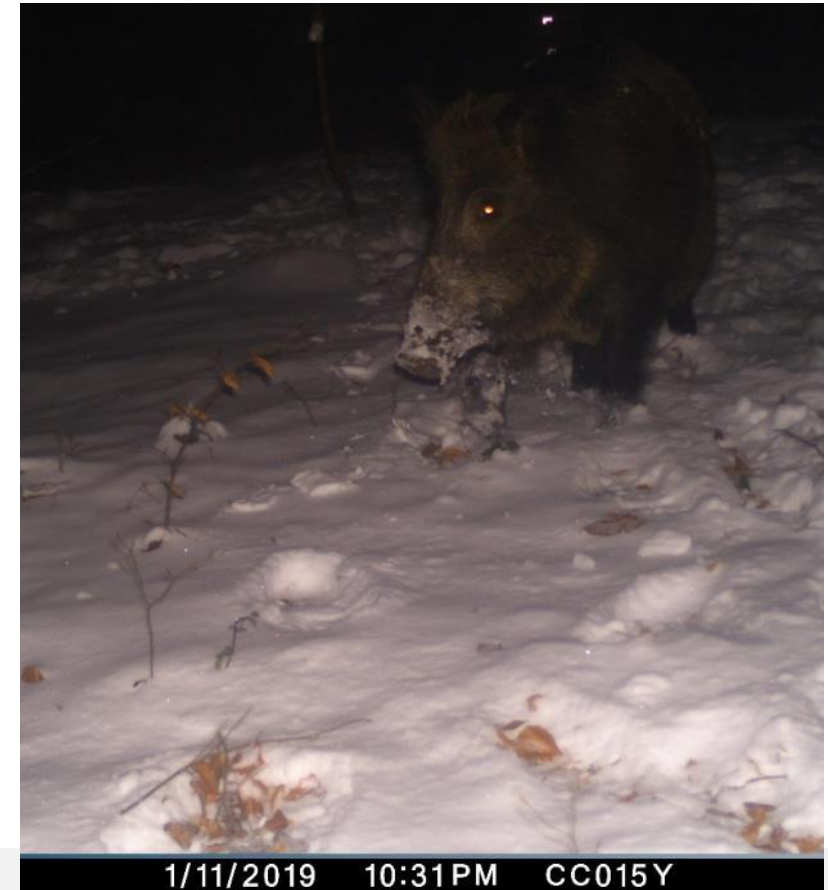


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Cobor Biodiversity Farm



Activities

- Finishing the new shelter and fence for cattle
- First calf of the season born
- New horse for livery from Bucharest
- Visit from Nicoleta Carpineanu (Nico de Transilvania), International DJ and cultural entrepreneur. We are working with her on her “Forests Without Frontiers” conservation programme.







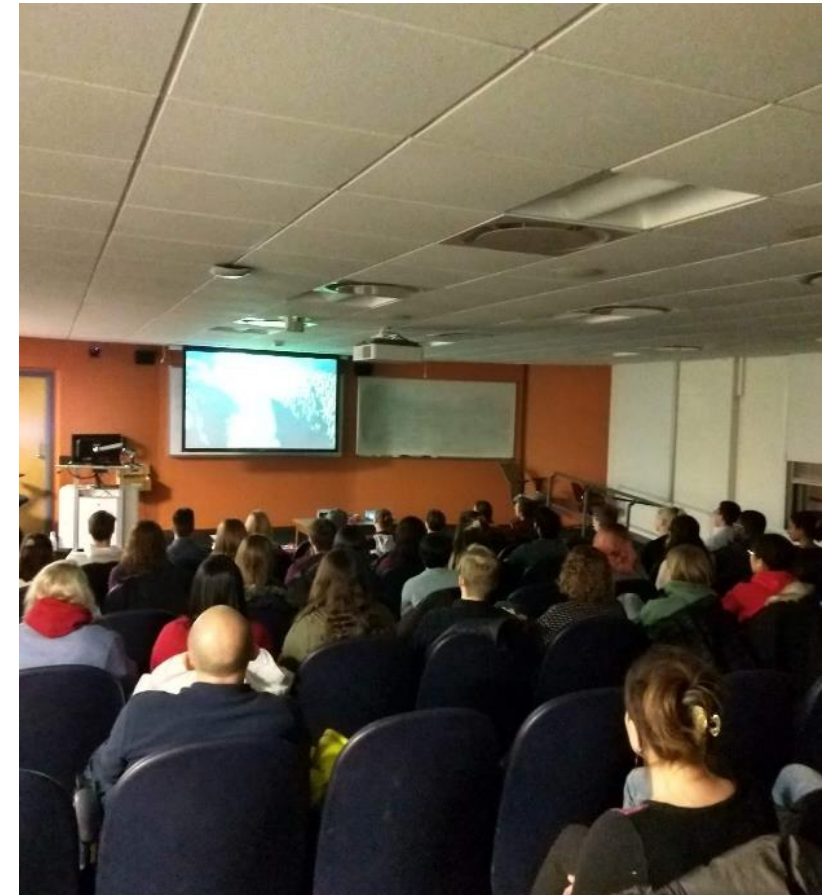
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Communication &
community outreach



Activities

- Training on Sustainable Development and Local Communities for our CARPATHIA team – a programme delivered by ProPark Foundation for Protected Areas
- “Untamed Romania” film presented to the students and teachers from Northeastern University, USA – thank you New England Romanian Association for the promotion of FCC project
- We continue the works on the two lodges on Dambovită Valley that will become an educational centre, with programmes for schools, universities and volunteers and a research centre for biologists
- FCC representative involved in the study for identifying virgin and quasi-virgin forests, together with other NGOs and the Ministry of Forests and Waters
- FCC participation in the Alpine Film Festival, Brasov, Romania



Community and school caravans are an important activity, part of the development of the management plan for Natura 2000 site Raul Targului – Argesel – Rausor. We have visited Albestii de Muscel, Valea Mare Pravat, Leresti and Rucar communes and talked about the protected area.





Nicholas JR White documented 'CARPATHIA' - the rangers of FCC, for over one year, as they strive to create a new European Wilderness Reserve in the heart of the Southern Carpathian Mountains. Here are some photos from his visit in January.

Check more photos on his website:

<https://www.nicholasjrwhite.co.uk/carpathia>

- Training local guides: FCC has developed an internal programme to train a group of guides that will guide visitors to the various places within the project area such as the wildlife hides, the Cobar Biodiversity Farm, and the entire Fagaras Mountains



Interested in a wilderness experience
at one of our wildlife hides or you want
to visit our biodiversity farm in Cobor?

Ask for details at: info@carpathia.org

The season will start soon!





Join us in:

- Creating the largest forested National Park in Europe
- Annual restoration of the original ecosystem on over 100 ha of illegal clear-cuts
- Protecting wildlife on 2 hunting concessions with a total of 24,000 ha
- Sustainable development of local communities
- Environmental education projects



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