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Greetings Airrows!

Little twinkly lights glowing in evening light have a way of putting me in the mood for snow even as I write from the desert this holiday season. In this issue learn about a uniquely beautiful spot to enjoy the hush and sparkle of snow, how natural rock weathering captures and stores carbon dioxide, and about new funding for carbon removal innovators and how one Peruvian tour company is addressing sustainability.

As a thank you to everyone supporting Tomorrow's Air, I hope you enjoy this calendar which is a collection of images, facts and personal reflections from the community of travel businesses banding together to support climate conscious travel education and carbon removal.

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Insider Travel Tip: Winter with Bella Coola



The first time I met Beat Steiner, co-owner and founder of Bella Coola Heli Sports (BCHS), I knew I'd stumbled on a kindred spirit. Working out of a base in the Great Bear Rainforest, which is home to the largest intact coastal temperate rainforest in the world, Beat and his team have led BCHS to win numerous ski awards for the quality of the experiences and services they provide.

BCHS, a new member of Tomorrow's Air making contributions to carbon removal, has been supporting the Great Bear Rainforest for years with investments that help prevent harvesting, road-building and other activities. This winter, meet the BCHS team yourself and venture into 3.55 million acres of untouched wilderness in British Columbia's rugged Coast Mountain range. With both small group and private packages available, there are options for skiers and snowboarders from strong intermediate all the way to expert. [Learn more about BCHS ski packages.](#)



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Enhanced Rock Weathering Carbon Removal



I'm fascinated by what I've been learning about enhanced rock weathering as a way of cleaning up and storing for thousands of years carbon dioxide from our atmosphere. A natural process called chemical weathering, which is actually the same process that created Carlsbad Caverns National Park, in New Mexico, causes the breakdown of rocks and minerals, storing carbon dioxide along the way.

Scientists are perfecting ways of speeding up this process - enhancing it - by spreading fast-weathering, naturally-occurring, minerals on agricultural lands.

[Learn more in the blog.](#)

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Airrows on Air Podcast



If you've ever been to Peru or dreamt of visiting, my last podcast episode of 2022 with Martin Romero will be a fun listen. Martin is a Peruvian-American living in Lima, Peru, and the General Manager and Partner of the tour company Explorandes. Explorandes is multi-year recipient of the World Travel Awards, and was the first company to operate the famous Inca Trail trek in Peru. In this conversation Martin shares how Explorandes as a small company was able to prioritize emissions measurements and accounting; he also shares an anecdote about how an overhaul of their trekking operation ended up saving 4000 units of plastic per year.

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Carbon Removal in the News



Momentum for carbon removal continues to build and 2022 ended on a high note when in the United States, the carbon removal envisioned through 2021's bipartisan infrastructure package - the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#) - came closer to reality on December 13. This is when the US Department of Energy released the [detailed guidelines](#) it will follow when awarding the \$3.5 billion allocated for four regional hubs to help scale up direct air capture carbon removal. Carbon removal innovators promoting biochar, biomass burial, soil carbon sequestration and afforestation [will not be eligible](#) for funding as part of the program which is funded.

Another big piece of news this month comes from [Frontier](#), which announced its second round of carbon removal purchases on December 15, of \$11M. I was happy to notice the fund added a wider range of new carbon removal solutions into the round—from direct ocean capture to direct air capture coupled with alkaline material mineralization, biomass burial, and integrating carbon storage into clean fertilizer production.

Until Next Time

We know we need to reduce the emissions from our travels, and we know we need to clean up those already in the air. Thanks for learning about climate-conscious travel and carbon removal with Tomorrow's Air, encouraging your friends to follow via [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#), and considering joining with a [monthly membership](#) or as a [company partner](#).

I'm always interested to hear what's on your mind, so feel free to reach out:

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Onward!

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