



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Park Act

Order of the Regional Director

TO: Public Notice

DATE: August 23, 2017

WHEREAS:

- A. The parks listed below are located within the Cariboo Section of BC Parks in Section C below.
- B. The Province of British Columbia is in a State of Emergency.
- C. The Extreme Fire Hazard rating and ongoing threat of wildfires has created public safety concerns, the following list of Parks, Protected Areas and Ecological Reserves have been closed as of July 11th, 2017 until further notice:
 - Cariboo River,
 - Mount Tinsdale Ecological Reserve
 - Wendle
 - Cottonwood River
 - Dragon Mountain
 - Pinnacles
 - Horsefly Lake
 - Beaver Valley
 - Cariboo Mountains
 - Cedar Point

Cariboo Nature
Westwick Lake Ecological Reserve
Ruth Lake
Schoolhouse Lake
Big Bar
Bridge Lake
Copper Johnny
Donnelly Lake
Downing
Edge Hills
Flat Lakes
Rainbow Q'iwentem
Marble Range
Lac La Hache
French Bar
Moose Valley

D. This is also for the safety of first responders and to ensure resources currently deployed to wildfires do not have to be diverted away from protecting homes and communities.

E. Section 17 of the Park Act states:

A director or any park officer acting on the director's behalf may do one or more of the following:

(c) order any person in any park, conservancy or recreation area to cease or refrain from an action, an omission or conduct that the director or park officer, in his or her discretion, considers dangerous to life or property or detrimental to the public interest;

ACCORDINGLY, the Regional Director orders:

1. Remove the closure of the parks listed to all recreational uses, and;
2. Cease the evacuation of any users within these parks.

Dated at Kamloops, BC, this 23rd day of August, 2017

for Jeff Leahy
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