



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

*Park Act*

Order of the Regional Director

TO: Public Notice

DATE: August 30, 2017

WHEREAS:

A. Cathedral Provincial Park ("the Park") which is located 20km southwest of Keremeos off the Ashnola Forest Service Road.

B. The Province of British Columbia is in a State of Emergency, and.

C. Due to the very dangerous and rapidly changing wildfire conditions and resultant concerns for public safety, Cathedral Provincial Park has been closed.

D. This closure is also for the safety of first responders and to ensure resources currently deployed to wildfires do not have to be diverted away for 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. The closure of Cathedral Provincial Park except for:
  - The Ewart Creek trail from the trailhead parking to the Juniper Creek Bridge to allow access to Snowy Protected Area,
2. The evacuation of any users within the park, and
3. The evacuation of any persons found at a facility threatened by wildfire.
4. If this order is not carried out or is only partially or imperfectly carried out, I may direct any person to carry out or complete the order, and the expense to the government of carrying out or completing the carrying out of the order will be a debt owing to the government by Individual at the suit of the government in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Dated at Penticton, B.C., this 30th day of August, 2017



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