

#### PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## Park Act

# Order of the Regional Director

TO: Public Notice

**DATE:** July 12, 2017

#### WHEREAS:

- A. Dunn Peak Park ("the Park") which is located 12 km northeast of Little Fort and approximately 90 km north of Kamloops.
- B. The Protected Area was established under an Order in Council in 1996.
- C. The Province of British Columbia is in a State of Emergency.
- D. The dangerous and rapidly changing conditions, ongoing threat of wildfires and public safety reasons, Dunn Peak Park has been closed as of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 until further notice.
- E. 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.

### F. 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 Dunn Peak Park to all recreational uses,
- 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 Kamloops, BC, this 12th day of July, 2017

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