



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

*Park Act*

Order of the Regional Director

**TO:** Public Notice

**DATE:** August 16, 2017

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Marble Canyon Provincial Park ("the Park") which is located 40 km northwest of Cache Creek, off Hwy #99.
- 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, Marble Canyon 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. Remove the closure of Marble Canyon Provincial Park to all recreational uses, and;
2. Cease the evacuation of any users within the park.

Dated at Kamloops, B.C., this 16th day of August, 2017.

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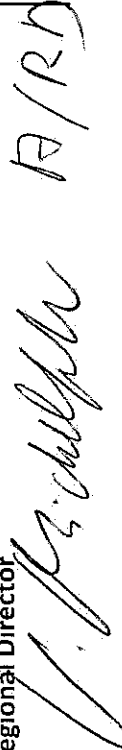
## BC PARKS Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) Checklist

**NAME OF PARK:** Marble Canyon

In making the decision to close or open a BC Park or FLRNORD Rec Site and Trail, the following should be considered:

Factors to Consider	Comments	Risk
Danger Rating	High - on the edge of moderate	Moderate
Weather - Current & Forecasted	Sunny with daily high temperatures from 25-30 degrees	Moderate
Type of Activity within Park	Frontcountry camping, boating, rock climbing	Low
Location & status of wildfires in vicinity	East of the park near Hwy 99/97 junction. Contained at Hwy 99	Moderate
Fire bans in place	Campfire ban in effect	
Specific topography, forest conditions, etc. that may affect wildfire behaviour	Steep canyon walls with forested lower banks and treeless cliff walls	Moderate
Ability to monitor/track BC Park Users	Park Operator in place in the campground	Low
Access	Hwy 99 bisects the park	Low
Proximity to urban area	39KM west of Cache Creek, 49KM east of Lillooet	Low
Evacuation alerts or order	Evacuation order was downgraded to an alert in the eastern portions of the park and across from the campground	Moderate
Evacuation plan in place	Egress on Hwy 99	Low
Ease of evacuation	Use Hwy 99 east or west. Easy evacuation	Low
Recommendations from Wildfire	Wildfire recommended TNRD downgrade evacuation order	Low
Facilities and hazards have been assessed.	Facilities were never threatened. No new hazards	Low
Back country/Front country	Mainly frontcountry use. Potential for some backcountry use contained within the canyon	Low

BC Parks Regional Director



Signature: _____
Date: _____