

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Park Act

Order of the Regional Director

TO:

Public Notice

DATE:

July 25, 2017

WHEREAS:

- A. North Thompson River Provincial Park ("the Park") which is located on the north shore of the Thompson River, 5 km south of Clearwater, just off Hwy. 5.
- B. The park was established in 1967.
- C. The Province of British Columbia is in a State of Emergency.
- D. Due to the dangerous and rapidly changing conditions, threat of wildfire and public safety reasons, North Thompson River Provincial Park has been closed as of July 17th, 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. Remove the closure of North Thompson River Provincial Park to all recreational uses, and;
- 2. Cease the evacuation of any users within the park.

Dated at Kamloops, BC, this 25th day of July, 2017

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