



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Park Act

Order of the Regional Director

TO: Public Notice

DATE: September 2, 2017

WHEREAS:

- A. The parks listed in Section C below are located within the Kootenay Section of BC Parks Kootenay Okanagan Region.
- 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, the following list of Parks has been closed until further notice.

Mount Assiniboine
Bugaboo
Elk Lakes
Height of The Rockies
Top of The World
Akamina Kishinena
Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (East side drainages only)
St Mary's Alpine
Gilnockie
Whiteswan Lake

- 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.

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E. Section 17 of the Park Act states:

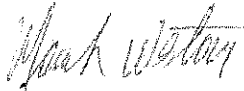
A director or any park officer acting on the director's behalf may do one or more of the following:

(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 the Parks listed in Section C above 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 Penticton, B.C., this 2nd day of September, 2017



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