



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Park Act

Order of the Regional Director

TO: Public Notice

DATE: July 11, 2017

WHEREAS:

- A. The southern portion of Tweedsmuir Provincial Park is located within the Cariboo Section of BC Parks, approximately 350kms west of Williams Lake,
- B. The Province of British Columbia is in a State of Emergency, and
- C. The Extreme Fire Hazard rating and ongoing threat of wildfires has created public safety concerns, the backcountry areas of Tweedsmuir (South) have been closed as of July 11th, 2017 until further notice. This includes:
 - The Tote Road
 - All trails and facilities accessed from the Tote Road, including Hunlen Falls and the Turner Lake Chain
 - All trails and facilities accessed from the Rainbow Range Trailhead
 - The Mackenzie Heritage and Mackenzie Valley Trails ("Grease Trail")
 - The Tweedsmuir Trail

D. 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.

E. Section 17 of the Park Act states:

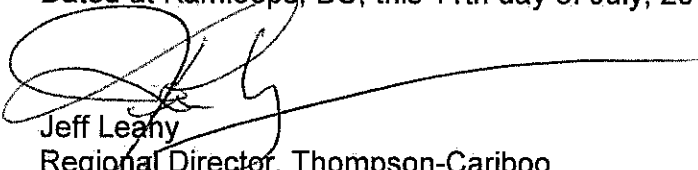
A director or any park officer acting on the director's behalf may do one or more of the following:

(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 above portion of Tweedsmuir (South) 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 11th day of July, 2017



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