



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Park Act

Order of the Regional Director

TO: Public Notice

DATE: July 13, 2017

WHEREAS:

- A. Upper Seymour River Provincial Park ("the Park") which is accessed by 40 kilometres of gravel roads from the community of Seymour Arm, which in turn is a 40 kilometre drive on gravel surface from the end of the paved road on the north shore of Shuswap Lake. Seymour Arm can also be accessed during the summer by a small car ferry.
- B. The park was established in 2001.
- C. The Province of British Columbia is in a State of Emergency.
- D. The dangerous and rapidly changing conditions, presence of wildfire in the park and public safety reasons, Upper Seymour River Provincial Park has been closed as of July 13th, 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:

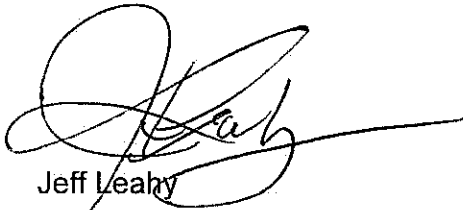
A director or any park officer acting on the director's behalf may do one or more of the following:

- (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 Upper Seymour River Provincial 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 13th day of July, 2017



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