



**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

***Park Act***

**Order of the Regional Director**

**TO:** Public Notice

**DATE:** July 25, 2017

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Wells Gray Park ("the Park") which is located approximately 134 kms north of Kamloops and 210 kms southwest from Valemount.
- B. The park is a Class A park established in 1939.
- C. The Province of British Columbia is in a State of Emergency.
- D. The Extreme Fire Hazard rating, ongoing threat of wildfires and public safety reasons, Wells Gray Park has been closed as of July 9<sup>th</sup>, 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:

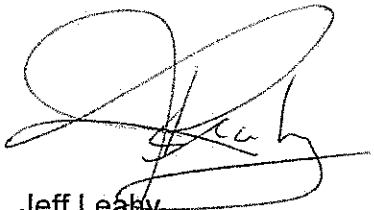
A director or any park officer acting on the director's behalf may do one or more of the following:

- (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 Wells Gray 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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