



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Park Act

Order of the Regional Director

TO: Public Notice

DATE: 2023-07-14

WHEREAS:

- A. Little Andrews Bay Marine Provincial Park ("the Park") is located near Burns Lake, BC;
- B. The Park is a Class A park established under the *Park Act* in 1999;
- C. Collaboration between BC Parks, BC Wildfire Service and the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako has resulted in a recommendation to close Little Andrews Bay Park to recreational use.
- D. Wildfire R21673 has the potential to trap visitors into Little Andrews Bay and/or poses a direct threat to Little Andrews Bay Park. Currently, access to Little Andrews Bay Park from Houston is currently closed with access towards Burns Lake as the only current means of egress.
- E. Visitors to North Tweedsmuir Park (Tweedsmuir Park – North) have been advised that vehicles and vessels should be vacated from Little Andrews Bay Park. As of the am of July 14, 2023 the campground and day use area of Little Andrews Bay is currently vacated.
- 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 Little Andrews Bay Marine Provincial Park to all recreational users is effective at 14:00 on 2023-07-14, until further notice.
2. The evacuation of any users remaining within the Park.
3. 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 expenses 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.
4. Any users of the Park during this closure are in Trespass under the *Trespass Act*.

Signed in Kitimat, this 2023-07-14.



David Brown
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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy