



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Park Act

Order of the Regional Director

(Pursuant Section 17 of the British Columbia Parks Act)

TO: Public Notice

WHEREAS:

A. Ancient Forest Chun T'oh Whudujut Park
("the Park") is

located near McBride, BC;

B. 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:

(b) order the repair, alteration, improvement, evacuation or removal of or addition to a structure or work in a park, conservancy or recreation area;

(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;

DEFINITIONS:

In this Order,

(a) **Park** means Crown land established or continued as a park under the Park Act or the Protected Areas of British Columbia Act;

(b) **"Park ranger"** means a person appointed as a park ranger under section 4 (2);

(c) **"Park use permit"** means a licence, issued under this Act, authorizing an activity or a course of behaviour or conduct, or the occupancy, use, development, exploitation

or extraction of a natural resource on or in a park or conservancy;

NOW THEREFORE:

Pursuant Section 17 of the British Columbia Parks Act and by way of this written order I [the Regional Director] require the following:

1. The previous closure of Ancient Forest Chun T'oh Whudujut Park to all recreational users, dated 2024-07-10 is hereby rescinded as of 0800hrs on 2024-07-17.
2. The Closure of Driscoll Ridge Trail in its entirety, from the where the trail leaves the universal board walk, to the western Driscoll Ridge Trailhead in Ancient Forest Chun T'oh Whudujut is closed to recreational uses is effective at 0800hrs on 2024-07-17, until further notice
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. The evacuation of any users remaining within the Parks and Protected Areas.
5. *Any facility, event, or activity involving the participation of the public, which is allowed or authorized under the authority of a Park Officer, or a Park Use Permit, and is to occur in any park listed in the Order, are ordered to cease and are closed for the duration of this order unless authorized by an exemption issued by the Regional Director.*
6. *Access to any park closure identified in the Order, which is in regard to any authorized or permitted operations, requires a written exemption to this Order issued by the Regional Director responsible for the Park. An exemption must not be issued unless, in the opinion of the Regional Director, to do so is not inconsistent with the objectives of the park closure. If an exemption has been previously issued in relation to a previous Order, and remains in effect, that exemption is carried forward and applied to this Order in the same manner and effect.*
7. *Continued access and use of areas described in the Order to accommodate Indigenous people's social, ceremonial, and cultural activities in provincial parks and protected areas must align with staff and public health and safety.*

Signed in Prince George, BC, this 2024-07-16

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Hoffman', written in a cursive style.

Ed Hoffman
Regional Director
BC Parks, Omineca Peace Region
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Ref Agency file: