



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

*Park Act*

Order of the Regional Director

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**DATE:** March 15, 2024

**WHEREAS:**

- A. This Order is regarding closure of all public access and use of the Snowpatch Spire Rockfall Area and Debris Field, in Bugaboo Provincial Park as shown in the maps attached as Schedule A.
- B. This Order is in effect from March 15, 2024 to August 31, 2025.
- C. Public Safety/Limiting recreation activity within a rockfall hazard area is the primary consideration in the making of this Order.
- D. Public access and use includes, but is not limited to: park visitors, permittees, agreement holders, and provincial and federal government employees but does not include; BC Parks staff, BC Parks contractors as authorized by a park officer.
- E. This Order does not apply to emergency services personnel when required to respond for rescue or other emergency operations within the closure area.
- 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. Approximately 17 hectares on Snowpatch Spire Wall and Basin, as delineated by the maps attached in Schedule A, is hereby closed to all uses by the public March 15, 2024 to August 31, 2025.
2. Any access to this area, not outlined above, requires a written exemption issued by the Regional Director. An exemption may not be issued unless, in the opinion of the Regional Director, to do so is consistent with the objectives of the park closure.
3. Order is not intended to infringe on the access and use of the area to accommodate Indigenous people's social, ceremonial, and cultural activities.
4. This Order comes into effect at 00:00 hours (MST) on Friday March 15th, 2024 and remains in effect until 23:59 hours (MST) on Sunday August 31st, 2025.

Dated at Cranbrook, B.C., this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2024.



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BC Parks, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy



Schedule A – CLOSURE MAP

BUGABOO PROVINCIAL PARK  
SNOWPATCH SPIRE CLOSURE/HAZARD AREA  
(March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – August 31, 2025)



