



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Park Act

Order of the Regional Director

TO: Public Notice

DATE: 2023-10-03

WHEREAS:

- A. Bear Creek Provincial Park ("the Park") is located near Kelowna, BC;
- B. The Park is a Class A park established under the *Park Act* in 1981;
- C. In collaboration with BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), BC Parks has decided to close the Park due to wildfire risk to public and worker safety
- D. 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 continued closure of Bear Creek Provincial Park west of Westside road including the Canyon trail network to all recreational users effective at 1200H on 2023-10-03, until further notice.

2. The campground is open to the public effective at noon Oct 3 when the Area restriction is rescinded.
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 closed areas of the Park during this closure are in Trespass under the *Trespass Act*.

Signed in Penticton, this 2023-10-03.



Benjamin Vander Steen
Regional Director
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