



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Park Act

Order of the Regional Director

TO: Public Notice

DATE: 2023-09-19

WHEREAS:

- A. Eneas Lakes & Darke Lake Provincial Parks ("the Parks") are located between Peachland & Summerland, BC;
- B. The Parks are Class A parks established under the *Park Act* in 1968 (Eneas Lakes PP) & 1943 (Darke Lake);
- C. In collaboration with BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), BC Parks has decided to close the Parks 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 closure of the Eneas Lakes & Darke Lakes Provincial Parks to all recreational users is effective at 1200 on 2023-09-20, 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 Penticton, this 2023-09-19.



Benjamin Vander Steen
Regional Director
BC Parks, Kootenay Okanagan Region
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Attachments: Park Closure Map

Eneas Lakes & Darke Lake Provincial Parks (shown in red) closed by Director's Order, effective 1200h September 20, 2023

