



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Park Act

Order of the Regional Director

TO: Public Notice

DATE: December 14, 2018

WHEREAS:

- A. A large cave has recently been discovered in a remote portion of Wells Gray Provincial Park.
- B. The Province of British Columbia is currently in consultation with local First Nations to protect their interests and cultural heritage values in this area. The cave area may contain fragile cultural heritage values.
- C. The area is hazardous and not all risks to public safety have been assessed at this time. Accessing or approaching the cave may be extremely unsafe.
- D. The area may have rare, unique, and sensitive ecological attributes that have not been adequately inventoried or studied.
- E. Risks to public safety and cultural and conservation significance need to be properly assessed before public access can occur.
- 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 the entire drainage of Ovis Creek, within Wells Gray Provincial Park, to all recreational uses.
2. 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 expense 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.

Dated at Kamloops B.C., this 14th day of December 2018.

Name

Regional Director, 
BC Parks, Ministry of Environment

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