

BC Parks Fire Risk Assessment (FRA)

NAME OF PARK:	Long Creek, Puntchesakut Lake, Homathko-Tatlayoko PA, Patterson Lake, Puntl Island, Ilgachuz ER, Titetown Park, Quesnel Lake Park (except Faux Bay Site), Canim Beach Park, Big Basin Park, Big Creek Park, Churn Creek PA, Bull Canyon
Decision for Consideration (open or close):	Re-opening after DO to close
Park Size:	
Facilities (Campsites, Day Use, Trails, etc):	See below

Guiding Principles:

BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) and BC Parks recognise that:

- The priority in the province in emergency response is always life and safety of British Columbians.
- The decision to open and close parks lies with the statutory decision maker in BC Parks (Regional Director).
- BCWS has the mandate and expertise to respond to wildland fires and to provide advice to statutory decision makers respecting the risk of wildfire ignition, spread and suppression in the context of ensuring public safety and effective and efficient response.
- BC Parks (or areas of parks) may have to be closed to public access, including commercial ventures, from time to time to ensure public safety.
- Each BC Park has unique features that must be considered when determining if it should be closed or opened for public use.
- Businesses and local economies rely on and are supported by BC Parks and decisions to close Parks are not made lightly.
- Considering of opening or closing BC Parks should be done collaboratively to ensure consistency and the use of best available information.
- Wildfires are dynamic and circumstances change quickly.
- For closed parks the situation will be monitored daily and parks will be opened when it is safe to do so.

In making the decision to close or open a BC Park the following Criteria are considered:

Criteria	Comments
Danger Rating (Current & Predicted)	M for all areas (either 3 or 4) moving into high danger rating, with some chance of scattered showers in some areas.

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Weather (Current & Forecasted)	<p>CURRENT as of Wed. Sept 13 A.M.:</p> <p>West of Fraser: Mainly cloudy south with a mix of sun and cloud north</p> <p>East of Fraser: Sunny with cloudy periods. Isolated afternoon showers with the risk of a thundershower</p> <p>FORECASTED:</p> <p>Sunny moving to mix of sun and cloud; Winds light and variable. RH continuing in the 20s and 30s; Max temperatures mid to high teens</p>
Type of activities occurring within Park	Frontcountry/Backcountry hiking, boating and camping opportunities
Location & status of wildfires in vicinity	None in close vicinity except: Titetown Park: sits directly adjacent to an Evacuation Order area but outside of it. Nearest fire is 20km away
Fire bans or other restrictions in place	Campfire ban remains in effect
Specific topography, forest conditions, etc. that may affect wildfire behaviour	Varied terrain
Potential risk for fire starts	Low
Ability to monitor/track/supervise Park users	Park Operators manage/operate the Frontcountry Bundle Parks with campgrounds and day use areas. Limited Park Ranger patrols in the remaining Frontcountry and Backcountry Parks.
Access	<p>Most parks accessed along Hwy's 97, 24 and 20 and maintained public roads around the Clinton, 100 Mile House, Williams Lake and Quesnel communities.</p> <p>Helicopter and hike in access only to the following: Long Creek, Homathko-Tatlayoko PA, Ilgachuz ER, Chasm ER,</p> <p>Boat Access required to: Quesnel Lake Park, Puntí Island</p>
Proximity to urban area	All of the Frontcountry campgrounds and day use areas are within 20 to 30 km's of an urban area.
Evacuation alerts or orders in place	None in the areas of the parks on this list except Titetown Park which sits directly adjacent to but outside of an Evacuation Alert area (Note: Road access to Titetown is <u>NOT</u> through the Alert area
Evacuation plan in place	Yes
Ease/ability to evacuate	All corridor traffic will egress via maintained/paved public roads. Backcountry users will either need to hike out and egress via the FSR roads they entered on or be heli evacuated if circumstances warranted.
Facilities and hazards have been assessed (if considering reopening)	Yes
Other	

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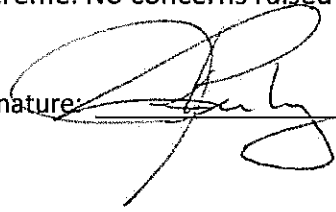
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BC Wildfire Manager Recommendations: No significant issues raised by Cariboo Fire Centre; Kamloops Fire Centre informed that Chasm Park and Chasm ER still reside within the S.11 closure, so these have been removed from this list.

BC Parks Regional Director Decision

- Open
- Close

Key Rational for Decision: Weather patterns are colder and wetter. Danger ratings have moved out of extreme. No concerns raised by Fire Center.

Signature:  Date: Sept 17, 2017

