From:	Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Lac du Bois Investigation
Date:	Friday, July 7, 2017 3:45:45 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Thanks. Similar to what I heard from the zone staff. But I also received new information this morning as well. Ian Meier was to speak with CE director today to sort things out.
Great time last night……..we are currently evacuating all of Cache Creek lost some homes. As well as interface fire in Princeton. Going to be long night.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: Lac du Bois Investigation

Hi Rob, I talked to Al this morning about the C&E investigation.

C&E Questions

- Wanted to see BC Parks Policies on burning
- Wanted to see BC Parks Burn Plan

Als response

- Wasn't prescribed burn
- Was a wildfire – modified response

Individual doing investigation wasn't satisfied with Als response and kept probing for burn plan number

Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
PH: 250-371-6304
Cell: 250-371-1085





From: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Evacuating Bowron
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 8:12:48 PM

Are you asking me if BCWS has recommended an evacuation of the Bowron? Or this is what is happening.

You are correct things are crazy, probably the single busiest day in BCWS history.

-----Original Message-----
From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 7:54 PM
To: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: Evacuating Bowron

Hi Rob things are getting goofier. I understand Cariboo fire centre is pretty overwhelmed and may be fire just outside their doors. tough to make contact. Understandable considering what's happening across board.

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

From: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Evacuating Bowron
Date: Friday, July 7, 2017 8:31:36 PM

No worries at all! Once in a lifetime type day.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.
Original Message
From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 8:27 PM
To: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Evacuating Bowron

Nope just letting you know. Sorry. Won't bug you

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: 20170708 - IB Wells Gray Park closure - DRAFT
Date: Saturday, July 8, 2017 7:47:51 PM

Hang tight. Is that the final version from wildfire branch? They need to add media contacts etc.

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment
(250) 812-5747 (cell)

On Jul 8, 2017, at 7:44 PM, Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX <Robert.Fiddler@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Ok – I'm posting the IB on the BCP home page now.
> **Rob Fiddler**
> Web Analyst
> BC Parks | Ministry of Environment
> Telephone: 778 698-4294
> Robert.Fiddler@gov.bc.ca
> www.bcparks.ca
> BC Parks has recently launched new speciality plates! Get your BC Parks licence plate today.
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Standen, Jim ENV:EX
> **Sent:** Saturday, July 8, 2017 7:41 PM
> **To:** Austad, Bob ENV:EX
> **Cc:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX
> **Subject:** Re: 20170708 - IB Wells Gray Park closure - DRAFT
> Approved
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Jul 8, 2017, at 7:39 PM, Austad, Bob ENV:EX <Bob.Austad@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> > Hi Jim:
> > I approve the IB note, and we need your approval asap.
> > David, if no response from Jim by 7:50 p.m., please proceed with the note.
> > Regards, Bob Austad
> >
> > Sent from my iPad
> >
> > Begin forwarded message:
> >
> > **From:** "Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX" <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>

Date: July 8, 2017 at 7:16:23 PM PDT
To: "Austad, Bob ENV:EX" <Bob.Austad@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: 20170708 - IB Wells Gray Park closure - DRAFT

Hi Bob, here is the note. GCPE has been instrumental in crafting and David suggested let go as is. I have made some minor additions. Need a real quick turn around on this. Once you approve I will get back to Fire center manager. Have to get web page going ….thanks again for all your help!

<20170708 - IB Wells Gray Park closure - DRAFT.docx>

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: Daily media calls
Date: Saturday, July 8, 2017 8:15:36 PM

Gents - FLNRO/EMBC are now holding daily media calls to update the fire situation. These are province wide, dial-in. Tomorrow's call is at 1pm, and is an excellent forum to get BCP's message about avoiding the cariboo out.

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These calls would typically have reps from a variety of ministries/agencies on to answer Qs specific to them.

Thoughts?

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment
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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Daily media calls
Date: Saturday, July 8, 2017 9:05:28 PM

Ok, I just chatted with Viv to confirm. Jeff, in the morning she'll send you (and me) dial in info. There'll be a secure 'speakers' line that you'll call into 5 or 10 mins in advance where they'll go over how the call will roll out. Then at 1pm that secure line is transferred over to the main public line that media are on. The two main speakers will be Kevin from the wildfire branch and someone from EMBC.

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
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On Jul 8, 2017, at 8:42 PM, Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX <Larry.Boudreau@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Great plan, I will get an update to Jeff tomorrow.
>
> Larry Boudreau,
> Regional Director, BC Parks, Northern Region
> BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service Division
> Ministry of Environment
> Office-250-614-9910
> Cell-250-961-6998
>
> On Jul 8, 2017, at 8:38 PM, Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> > Yes. I think he is best positioned.
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
> >
> > On Jul 8, 2017, at 8:20 PM, Austad, Bob ENV:EX <Bob.Austad@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
> >
> > Hi David:
> >
> > Thanks David that is a great recommendation, I think it would be best to have Jeff Leahy attend, as he will have the most operational knowledge of what is happening on

the ground. Larry can feed his wildfire information into Jeff.

Jim, do you support Jeff addressing the media regarding BC Parks?

Regards, Bob

Sent from my iPad

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Communications Director

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From:	Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Wells Gray Provincial Park closure to take effect July 9, 2017
Date:	Saturday, July 8, 2017 9:44:03 PM
Attachments:	2017ENV0040-001289.pdf

-----Original Message-----
From: BCWS KFC Information Officer FLNR:EX
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 9:44 PM
Subject: Wells Gray Provincial Park closure to take effect July 9, 2017

Hello,

Here is an IB notifying the public about a campfire ban in the Kamloops Fire Centre.

Thank you.

For Immediate Release
2017ENV0040-001289
July 8, 2017

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Ministry of Environment

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Wells Gray Provincial Park closure to take effect July 9, 2017

KAMLOOPS - In an effort to protect public safety, BC Parks, in co-ordination with the BC Wildfire Service, will close Wells Gray Provincial Park effective 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 9, 2017.

The closure will remain in effect until further notice.

BC Wildfire Service resources are actively engaged on multiple interface fires throughout the province and, to ensure the safety of the public, this closure is necessary. Wells Gray Provincial Park is accessible by only one road, which would make an evacuation of the area difficult if it were needed. This proactive measure will enable a safe and orderly exit of the public from the area.

No public access to Wells Gray Provincial Park will be allowed after 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 9. Anyone currently in Wells Gray Provincial Park is required to leave the area. BC Parks personnel will be available to assist the public as they depart.

At this time BC Wildfire Service is not aware of any wildfires that are an immediate risk to Wells Gray Park.

For more information about the closure, please visit the BC Parks website: www.bcparks.ca

For the latest information on wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, please visit the BC Wildfire Service website at: www.bcwildfire.ca.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call *5555 on a cellphone or 1 800 663-5555 toll-free.

You can also follow the latest wildfire news:

* on Twitter at: http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo

* on Facebook at: http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo

Contacts:

Media Relations
Ministry of Environment
250 953-3834

Fire Information
Kamloops Fire Centre
250 554-5965

Connect with the Province of B.C. at: www.gov.bc.ca/connect

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: Draft Script for media call
Date: Sunday, July 9, 2017 8:14:00 AM

Good morning all - below is a suggested blurb to address BCP's concerns for the media call this afternoon. This would be provided to the host of the call, via Vivian at FLNRO GCPE. Thoughts or concerns? Edits are welcome;

> "The dangerous and rapidly changing conditions are posing a threat to our provincial parks in the region.
>
> Until further notice none of the parks and protected areas in the Cariboo and Chicotin should be accessed by the general public due to severe wildfire hazard.

This is for the safety of the public and first responders, as well as to ensure resources currently deployed do not have to be diverted away from protecting homes and communities."

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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Draft Script for media call
Date: Sunday, July 9, 2017 8:39:00 AM

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> "The dangerous and rapidly changing conditions are posing a threat to our provincial parks in the region. A number of parks close to wildfire locations have already been evacuated, or are in the process of being evacuated.
>
> Public safety is the first priority. Until further notice none of the parks and protected areas in the Cariboo and Chicotin should be accessed by the general public due to severe wildfire hazard.
>
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On Jul 9, 2017, at 8:25 AM, Austad, Bob ENV:EX <Bob.Austad@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Hi David
>
> Looks good. For your consideration, could we add ...a number of are parks close to wildfires locations and have already been evacuate, or are in the process of being evacuated. Public safety is the first priority for BC Parks in the Cariboo and Chilcotin Region given current wildfire conditions and limited emergency response resources.
>
> Regards, Bob
>
> Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 9, 2017, at 8:13 AM, Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> (250) 812-5747 (cell)

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: BCP script for media call
Date: Sunday, July 9, 2017 8:59:55 AM

'Morning Viv - here's messages to insert into script for the call this aft:

> "The dangerous and rapidly changing conditions are posing a threat to our provincial parks in the region. A number of parks close to wildfire locations have already been evacuated, or are in the process of being evacuated.
>
> Public safety is the first priority. Until further notice none of the parks and protected areas in the Cariboo and Chicotin should be accessed by the general public due to severe wildfire hazard.
>
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Communications Director
Ministry of Environment
(250) 812-5747 (cell)

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Cc: Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: BC Parks Website Updates - Rob Fiddler
Date: Sunday, July 9, 2017 10:33:49 AM

Rob's confirmed this is done.

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment
(250) 812-5747 (cell)

On Jul 9, 2017, at 9:35 AM, Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Sounds good, Volker thx. Rob, can you pls make those edits?
>
> Dave Crebo
> Communications Director
> Ministry of Environment
> (250) 812-5747 (cell)
>
> On Jul 9, 2017, at 9:30 AM, Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX <Volker.Michelfelder@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> > David,
> > For clarity, could we add the following edit (in yellow and underlined) to all the individual park webpages for protected areas in the Cariboo and Chilcotin?
> > *Until further notice, this park is closed. For public safety, none of the parks and protected areas in the Chilcotin and Cariboo should be accessed due to severe wildfire hazard*
> > The edit should however not be added to green lake park however due to the sensitive situation there.
> > Volker
> > -----Original Message-----
> > From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
> > Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 7:38 PM
> > To: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
> > Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; Gorrell, Heather ENV:EX
> > Subject: Re: BC Parks Website Updates - Rob Fiddler
> > Couple suggested edits included below. Added "for public safety" and "severe" wildfire hazard.
> > I agree this same message should go on individual pages as well as the BCP home page.
> > Dave Crebo
> > Communications Director

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> On Jul 8, 2017, at 7:33 PM, Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
<Volker.Michelfelder@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Here's the suggested wording for the BC Parks front page:
> Until further notice, for public safety none of the parks and protected areas in the Cariboo should be accessed due to severe wildfire hazard.
>
>
> I do think that we need to update individual park webpages because the public will not necessary know what constitutes a park in the cariboo.
> Thank
> Volker
>
>
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 7:21 PM
> To: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
> Subject: FW: BC Parks Website Updates - Rob Fiddler
>
> Can we get web site updated asap....see below
>
> Thanks
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Austad, Bob ENV:EX
> Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 7:19 PM
> To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
> Cc: Cadden, Don ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; MacDonald, Rob V ENV:EX; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Eddie Wood
> Subject: BC Parks Website Updates - Rob Fiddler
>
> I just talked to Rob Fidder, BC Parks Web Officer, and he will update the BC Parks website on specific park closures and pending closures concerning the wildfire situation for BC Parks.
>
> You can reach Rob at 250-588-8610, or his work email address, if there is new information you need posted regarding specific park closures, evacuations, etc in regards to the wildlife situation.
>
> Jeff and Larry, I will shortly send Rob the information provided to-date,

but as things changes please contact Rob so he can update the website as required.
>
> Regards, Bob Austad
>
>
> Sent from my iPad

From:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
To:	Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX
Subject:	Update from Wells Gray / Clearwater
Date:	Sunday, July 9, 2017 12:46:36 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Hi Alan

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Heather

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BC Ministry of Environment
Telephone: (250) 371-6227



From:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Update from Wells Gray / Clearwater
Date:	Sunday, July 9, 2017 12:51:02 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

No not yet, I'll try to get in contact and let you know any updates.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 12:50 PM
To: Steere, Heather ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Cc: King, John ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Update from Wells Gray / Clearwater

Thanks Heather good update…anything from PO

From: Steere, Heather ENV:EX
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 12:47 PM
To: Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX
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To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Cc: King, John ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Update from Wells Gray / Clearwater
Date: Sunday, July 9, 2017 1:05:43 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Just spoke to Merlin's staff, Crystal:

- Mahood campground is cleared and gates closed. Their Mahood staff have now gone home. They had had one incident where a party would not leave, but they managed to care of the incident.
- No updates from Murtle Lake Staff.
- No updates from Clearwater/Azure Lake as yet.

Will speak soon.

Heather

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 12:50 PM
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Cc: King, John ENV:EX
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From:	Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	How are you?
Date:	Sunday, July 9, 2017 3:29:31 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

I chatted with Mayor Harwood ahead of tonight's public meeting and wanted to check in to see how you're doing. Sounds like things a bit heated in the North Thompson. If you'd like to chat, don't hesitate to give me a call. Talk care.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX
Cc: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Subject: As Requested: Park Status

Hi Madeline as requested, in addition to Wells Gray closure - July 9th , 3:15

Until further notice, for public safety, none of the parks and protected areas in the Chilcotin and Cariboo should be accessed due to severe wildfire hazard.

- Beaver Valley Provincial Park
- Becher's Prairie Provincial Park
- Betty Wendle Provincial Park
- Big Bar Provincial Park
- Big Basin Provincial Park
- Big Creek Ecological Reserve
- Big Creek Provincial Park
- Bowron Lake Provincial Park
- Bridge Lake Provincial Park
- Bull Canyon Provincial Park
- Canim Beach Provincial Park
- Cardiff Mountain Ecological Reserve
- Cariboo Mountains Provincial Park
- Cariboo Nature Provincial Park
- Cariboo River Provincial Park
- Cedar Point Class C Provincial Park
- Chasm Ecological Reserve
- Chasm Provincial Park
- Churn Creek Protected Area
- Copper Johnny Provincial Park
- Cottonwood River Provincial Park
- Crater Lake Provincial Park
- Dante's Inferno Provincial Park
- Doc English Bluff Ecological Reserve
- Donnely Lake Provincial Park
- Downing Provincial Park
- Dragon Mountain Provincial Park
- Edge Hills Provincial Park
- Eleven Sisters Provincial Park
- Finger-Tatuk Provincial Park
- Flat Lakes Provincial Park
- Fraser River Breaks Provincial Park
- French Bar Provincial Park
- Green Lake Provincial Park

- Homathko River – Tatlayoko Protected Area
- Horsefly Lake Provincial Park
- Ilgachuz Ecological Reserve
- Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park
- Junction Sheep Range Provincial Park
- Kluskoil Lake Provincial Park
- Lac La Hache Provincial Park
- Long Creek Provincial Park
- Marble Range Provincial Park
- Moose Valley Provincial Park
- Mount Tinsdale Ecological Reserve
- Narcosli Ecological Reserve
- Nazko Lake Provincial Park
- Nuntsi Provincial Park
- Patterson Lake Provincial Park
- Pinnacles Provincial Park
- Puntchezacut Lake Provincial Park
- Punti Island Provincial Park
- Quesnel Lake Provincial Park
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- Redbrush Provincial Park
- Ruth Lake Provincial Park
- Schoolhouse Provincial Park
- Ten Mile Lake Provincial Park
- Titetown Provincial Park
- Ts'il?os Provincial Park
- Westwick Lake Ecological Reserve
- White Pelican Provincial Park

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
PH: 250-371-6304
Cell: 250-371-1085





From: Wells Gray Adventures
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: s.22
Date: Sunday, July 9, 2017 4:31:04 PM

Hi Jeff,

I hope all is well with you. As you know, this park closure will have a very negative impact on our business and many other businesses in the area. If the closure goes on for a while, many businesses may not recover. In 2003, we were able to continue to guide groups as we have a very good safety record, a strong safety plan and good communication between the guides and the office. Do you think that there is any chance of this happening again? Our hiking guests are either in ESSF or in the alpine where the fire danger is very very low. All of our backcountry cabins have a number of different ways to get out of the them – not just one route or one road access.

For our canoe guests, we would hire a float plane to fly them out if the fires blocked the road. The guides have radios and we have in reach which is a satellite texting service.

Please get back to me as soon as you can. I would appreciate that.

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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Cc: Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: DRAFT for REVIEW / APPROVAL: PO messaging Wildfire
Date: Sunday, July 9, 2017 5:38:20 PM

Thx very much for this Wendy.
I'm also looping in Danielle

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment
(250) 812-5747 (cell)

On Jul 9, 2017, at 5:03 PM, Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX <Wendy.Magnes@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> FYI – Very fluid as I am at Keating and have been in discussions w/ Provincial ESS (Ralph & Brian) and EMBC Dir. Comms (Jules), and EMBC GCPE (Jordan) to ensure proposed messaging is consistent with Emergency messaging. Proposed that BC Parks sign off and then have EMBC GCPE / ESS sign off. Please provide comments back to me – thanks.
> Update & draft messages for review / approval for PO's and to Camis:
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Cc:	Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX
Subject:	Fwd: URGENT: CBC Radio interview request
Date:	Monday, July 10, 2017 6:56:54 AM

Good morning Jeff - as per below do you have any interest in doing an interview with CBC at 8:10 re: provincial park closures from wildfires?

Dave Crebo
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Subject:	RE: URGENT: CBC Radio interview request
Date:	Monday, July 10, 2017 8:26:43 AM

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Subject:	RE: URGENT: CBC Radio interview request
Date:	Monday, July 10, 2017 9:44:21 AM

FYI - Interesting interview here. Despite the host trying to encourage dissention, this business owner in Wells Gray Park was not opposed to the closure. Rather she was hopeful there could be some sort of dialogue later on around everyone adapting to heightened wildfire risk as a potential 'new normal' in the future, while keeping tourism alive and well.
As messaging for the current emergency situation is crafted it may be helpful to have a bullet point ready – if asked - about working with tourism stakeholders on future mitigation plans.

CBYK (CBC Kamloops)
CBC Daybreak Kamloops
10-Jul-2017 07:45

Tay Briggs basically supports the closure of Wells Gray Park, even though it will hurt her business. The co-owner of Wells Gray Adventures considers the future in terms of global warming and mitigating risk while still allowing the tourism economy to operate. The park has been closed until further notice as a precautionary measure, even though wildfires are not currently threatening the park. Some campers comment, and say better safe than sorry. Guest host Doug Herbert. [forr, env, csc, tran, jtst, embc, zpz]

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I can be on main afternoon calls.
I am getting calls from permit holders requesting exemptions to the Order and public are still trying to access Wells Gray and finding ways around road blocks. I would like some help in getting some messaging out to the community and will help with messaging
Thanks

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From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Subject:	FW: MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – teleconference
Date:	Monday, July 10, 2017 10:09:50 AM

FYI Viv – Jeff will be on the call again, in case Qs come up re: BC Parks. Can you pls re-send speaker's line dial in info?

From: noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca [mailto:noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:57 AM
To: GCPE Minis
Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – teleconference

For Immediate Release

July 10, 2017

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Representatives from the BC Wildfire Service and Emergency Management BC will provide an update on the current wildfire situation in British Columbia.

Event Date: Monday, July 10, 2017

Time: 1 p.m. (Pacific time)

Dial-in information:

From Vancouver: 604 681-0260
From elsewhere in Canada and the USA, toll-free: 1 877 353-9184
Passcode: 64588 #

There will be a question-and-answer session during the call.

Special instructions: Telephone lines will open at 12:45 p.m.

Contact:

Gabrielle Price
Media Relations
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Gabrielle.Price@gov.bc.ca
250 356-5261

From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
To: Skrepnek, Kevin FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Turner, Robert TRAN:EX
Subject: wildfire media call pre-brief/brief

Call in at 12:55 p.m. for quick pre-brief, then we will open it up to media at 1:00 p.m.

From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Cc:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Comms to PO"s
Date:	Monday, July 10, 2017 11:03:26 AM
Importance:	High

Approved by EMBC GCPE

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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
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No Jordan Turner indicated that EMBC GCPE would take a look at it – we had direct input from Chris and ESS so we should be good – think they are too busy for this and we need this out – thanks wendy

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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:51 AM
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Did Chris Duffy suggest this needs to go through EMBC's GCPE shop? This all looks very internal/operational.

From: Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Cc: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
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FYI - I have not heard back from EMBC GCPE – Dave if this still needs their sign off can you pls assist? Leah – further to your conversation w/ Bob this morning – pls adjust the language highlighted re: accepting reservation. Can someone pls manage sending this to the PPA Section heads and PO's – I am getting tied up on the Tourism side. FYI – ESS will provide a scan on a sample Referral Form (Voucher) that we will send out when we can to PO's

Thanks

Wendy

In response to the extreme wildfire activity in the Province the follow action is being taken re: BC Parks Reservations (Camis)

A) **Messaging for PO's:**

1) **Fees:**

- Fees are still being collected at all Parks that are open.
    - **Evacuees:**
        - Evacuees should be informed to call Red Cross Registration 1-800-863-6582 or online at redcross.ca/gethelp to ensure their contact information is on file and record that they are safe.
        - If Evacuees are in need they are also encouraged to register at the closest Emergency Reception Centre (list of all Reception Centres w/ contact info will be forwarded to PO's) to obtain a Referral Form (voucher) that can be used for assistance such as food, clothing and accommodation (including for a BC Park).

- If you have a visitor that is not willing / able to pay and they do not have a voucher from a Reception Centre the PO's will need to use their discretion depending on the circumstances re: payment.
- Safety should be the primary concern and PO's should not turn people away nor be insistent on the Reception Centre Referral Form (voucher) .
- If required, PO's should accommodate camping in day-use areas
- If it is deemed by the PO that it is not feasible / safe for the Visitor to obtain a Referral Form (voucher), they are permitted to allow the Visitor to stay for free. When doing so, contact details of the Visitor is required (name / phone number/ address).

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To:	Merritt, Dave ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Zemanek, Andrea ENV:EX; Ramsdale, Joseph ENV:EX; Ritchie Bonar, Aaren ENV:EX; Letts, Andrew ENV:EX
Cc:	XT:Blackwell, Merlin ENV:IN
Subject:	Wells Gray / Clearwater Closure Contact List
Date:	Monday, July 10, 2017 11:26:10 AM
Attachments:	Wells Gray Provincial Park and Clearwater Area Contact List.docx image002.png

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Hi Everyone

Attached is this area's contact list.

Thank you

Heather

Heather Steere

Senior Ranger - Thompson Northern Forests

BC Ministry of Environment

Telephone: (250) 371-6227



From: Leslie Groulx
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: News release for the Park
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:25:39 PM

Hi Jeff
A staffer from the province called quite a while ago and said she was sending a press release – re: our discussion this am.
I have not received anything and she did seem to be having an issue with my email address.
Just checking to see if there is anything??? The Vancouver Sun is calling the Mayor and he doesn't want to respond until he has the release
Thanks
Leslie

From: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Approval Required: email to PUP Holders in WG area
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:35:37 PM

Will take a look in about 30 mins. Just tied up right now.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Approval Required: email to PUP Holders in WG area

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Hi Rob, can I get you to look at this and please provide stronger wording if you think its required.
My changes are in brown
Thanks

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Approval Required: email to PUP Holders in WG area
This is what has been approved by Bob - let me know if you have any suggested edits as well…thinking perhaps we need to strengthen the messaging around authority to close???
Messaging for email to PUP holders:
Good morning,

As a BC Parks park use permit holder for Wells Gray Provincial Park, please read the following important message.

As I'm sure you are aware, the province is in a state of emergency. This along with the Extreme Fire Hazard rating, ongoing threat of wildfires and public safety reasons, Wells Gray Provincial Park has been closed since July 9th, 2017 until further notice. Furthermore this is for the safety of first responders and to ensure resources currently deployed to wildfires do not have to be diverted away from protecting homes and communities

I understand this decision may cause frustration and disappointment, however, I can assure you BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service have determined it is necessary for public safety.

While at this time no specific wildfire is immediately threatening Wells Gray, the wildfire situation in the province continues to worsen, and hot and dry weather conditions are expected to continue.

Wells Gray park also poses its own challenges, given its sheer size and egress concerns if an evacuation was to occur.

This park closure applies to all public and permit holders and I ask you to please respect this closure. Resources that are currently being used to enforce this closure can better be utilized protecting life and homes during this serious situation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Leahy at 250 371 6304.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jim Standen

Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service
Ministry of Environment
Launa Murai
W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933

From: Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Approval Required: email to PUP Holders in WG area

Hi Launa:

A few edits for your consideration, in red below.

Regards, Bob

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:15 AM
To: Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Subject: Approval Required: email to PUP Holders in WG area
Importance: High

Bob, need this messaging approved asap, please.

Thanks.

Launa Murai
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From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:32 AM
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While at this time no specific wildfire is immediately threatening Wells Gray, wildfires in the region are rapidly changing, and hot and dry weather conditions are expected to continue.

Wells Gray park also poses its own challenges, as the sheer size of the park – which is accessible by only one road – is not suitable for use as an evacuation route. All Provincial resources, including assistance from out of Province, are actively fighting multiple fires throughout the province at this time.

I ask you to please respect this closure, as well as any road blocks and signage in the area, as it is all to ensure the safety of the public.

There are no exceptions to the park closure.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your BC Parks representative in the Thompson Cariboo Region.

Thank you for your time.

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Jim Standen
Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service
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From: Leslie Groulx
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: News release for the Park
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:50:46 PM

Okay perfect – the Mayor has asked several times….. sorry to be a pain….

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX [mailto:Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:36 PM
To: Leslie Groulx
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: FW: News release for the Park

Good afternoon, Leslie.
I was the individual that reached out to you this morning.
As you would understand, the messaging that will be shared must be approved at all levels, and by all agencies involved, to ensure consistency. Please be assured that I will share our messaging as soon as it has received full approval which I expect will be this afternoon.
Thanks.
Launa

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Subject:	RE: s.22
Date:	Monday, July 10, 2017 2:06:33 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png park closure letter.pdf

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Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks July 10, 2017
Hello Jeff,
Thank you for taking the time to answer my e-mail. I do appreciate that.
We are all concerned about public safety, and during times of increased fire hazard, controlling the use in the park will sometimes be necessary. In cases like this however, where there are no active fires in the park, we need to look at activities and areas where utilizing the park is safe and allows enough tourism activity to maintain the tourism industry. Our hut system for instance, is in the alpine. We are still on snow in our hiking areas. We access the area through crown lands, and not park, and come out 24 km up the road, well within the residential area and below the main park entrance. We have several ways to exit and over the last thirty years have had evacuations, none of which has involved park or ministry officials. All of our groups have full communication with the valley. In 2003 Wells Gray Adventures clients and guides were the first to spot several fires from lightening strikes in the park and surrounding area and to call them in in time to prevent them from spreading.
Professional guiding companies are happy to carry safety and firefighting equipment. Professional outfitters are well- equipped and trained, after all, the safety of their clients is a professional necessity. Professionally guided groups can be part of the solution. By shutting down the park to all users, including professional outfitters, many of the most experienced eyes and ears in the park are lost which means a very valuable asset in helping to prevent small fires from becoming major incidents is not being utilized.
The blanket closure of Wells Gray Park is causing unreasonable stress and hardship for many tourist businesses. Even B&B's in the park are having their guests turned away on the road. Announcing a complete closure of the park is a literal nightmare for every tourist business in the area whether they operate inside the park or not. There are front country areas (Spahats falls for instance) where visitors to our area can have an experience in the park in a safe manner thereby reducing the amount of financial hardship on many businesses and maintaining a more positive messaging surrounding the park.
There are common-sense management actions which will ensure public safety, while mitigating the devastating economic effects of a park shut down on the tourist industry- and they need to be discussed. If not, doing business in the park will become impossible as the spectre of a complete closure will rear its head whenever the fire hazard ramps up, which it is bound to do in future seasons.
We truly hope that there is some middle ground where we can protect the public without destroying tourism businesses in this area. We respectfully ask you to take these issues into consideration.
Sincerely,

s.22

Cc Stephanie Molina, Interior Whitewater Expeditions, Riverside Adventures, Liquid Lifestyles, Clearwater Lake Tours, Wells Gray Guest Ranch, Discover Wells Gray, Peter Milobar, Tod Stone



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Sent: July-09-17 5:53 PM
To: Wells Gray Adventures
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX ; Austad, Bob ENV:EX ; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject: RE: s.22

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To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Mayor John Harwood
Date:	Monday, July 10, 2017 3:22:21 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Sorry just a bit buried and trying to catch up. Does this email link with the communication I just reviewed or is separate?

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: Mayor John Harwood

Mayor Harwood just called. Was asking when we can expect closure to come off. I explained that situation could get worse before it gets better. Given the extreme fire hazard and State of Emergency we may be seeing more closures in back country. Further explained that both Parks and Wildfire have tools to close backcountry if deemed necessary.

Asked my thoughts on community meeting, I said I was ok with it given the level of frustration. That being said I wont be making any changes to the order at this time so expect permittees will be getting the outcome they want. I also said that I would go to support messaging if wildfire was going to go back to community meeting.

Mayor Harwood agreed that best not to have meeting with just parks. Mayor is supportive of the action that was taken in closing Wells Gray

Launa – I said we would run our latest communication going out to the community by Leslie Geroulx (sp?). her number is 250 674 8818

Thanks

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From:	info@discoverwellsgray.com
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Subject:	RE: s.22
Date:	Monday, July 10, 2017 3:40:40 PM
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Sincerely,

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Cc Stephanie Molina, Interior Whitewater Expeditions, Riverside Adventures, Liquid Lifestyles, Clearwater Lake Tours, Wells Gray Guest Ranch, Discover Wells Gray, Peter Milobar, Tod Stone

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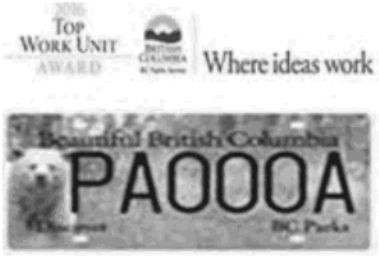
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Cheers

Leslie

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To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: John Harwood; Merritt, Dave ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Wells gray park closure
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:18:33 PM

Perfect thank you
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Leslie

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
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Cc: Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: ADM Approval Required: Messaging to PUP Holders in WG area
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:33:52 PM

Change that. I will send now myself.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2017, at 6:31 PM, Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> I have not yet sent to him so could you please forward to Wes on my behalf?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Jul 10, 2017, at 6:10 PM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> > Jim, when Wes has approved please advise. I need to get this messaging to the Mayor of Clearwater as they have requested messaging.
> > Thanks.
> > Launa Murai
> > W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933
> >
> > **From:** Standen, Jim ENV:EX
> > **Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 3:16 PM
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> > **Cc:** Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> > **Subject:** Re: ADM Approval Required: Messaging to PUP Holders in WG area
> > Looks good but before we send I would like to:
> > 1) check in with GCPE for their approval
> > 2) quickly run by Wes as FYI
> >
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Ministry of Environment

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Subject: Re: ADM Approval Required: Messaging to PUP Holders in WG area
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:35:28 PM

Wes,

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Jim

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:44:28 PM

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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:40 PM
To: Leslie Groulx ; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: John Harwood
Subject: RE: Wells gray park closure

Leslie what is best time to have a face a to face meeting?
My cell is 250-613-8184
Dave

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Let's reconnect tonight or tomorrow morning to discuss.

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To: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: s.22

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There are common-sense management actions which will ensure public safety, while mitigating the devastating economic effects of a park shut down on the tourist industry- and they need to be discussed. If not, doing business in the park will become impossible as the spectre of a complete closure will rear its head whenever the fire hazard ramps up, which it is bound to do in future seasons.

We truly hope that there is some middle ground where we can protect the public without destroying tourism businesses in this area. We respectfully ask you to take these issues into consideration.

Sincerely,
s.22

Cc Stephanie Molina, Interior Whitewater Expeditions, Riverside Adventures, Liquid Lifestyles, Clearwater Lake Tours, Wells Gray Guest Ranch, Discover Wells Gray, Peter Milobar, Tod Stone

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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: July-09-17 5:53 PM
To: Wells Gray Adventures <info@skihike.com>
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca>; Austad, Bob ENV:EX <Bob.Austad@gov.bc.ca>; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX <Alan.Hobler@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: s.22

Hi s.2 closing Wells Gray was not an easy decision and I am not certain how long this closure will be in effect. It is important to undertsand how serious the wildfire situation is. There are numerous communities that are on evacuation alert or have been evacuated.
This closure is necessary to help ensure the safety of the public and support BC Wildfire Service as they engage in numerous interface fires throughout the province.

At this time Wells Gray will remain closed as per the Information Bulletin dated July 8th, 2017.
Thank you
Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
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Cell: 250-371-1085

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From: Wells Gray Adventures [mailto:info@skihike.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: s.22 ;

Hi Jeff,

I hope all is well with you. As you know, this park closure will have a very negative impact on our business and many other businesses in the area. If the closure goes on for a while, many businesses

may not recover. In 2003, we were able to continue to guide groups as we have a very good safety record, a strong safety plan and good communication between the guides and the office. Do you think that there is any chance of this happening again? Our hiking guests are either in ESSF or in the alpine where the fire danger is very very low. All of our backcountry cabins have a number of different ways to get out of the them – not just one route or one road access.
For our canoe guests, we would hire a float plane to fly them out if the fires blocked the road. The guides have radios and we have in reach which is a satellite texting service.
Please get back to me as soon as you can. I would appreciate that.
s.22

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To:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: BC Parks PUP Holders Messaging - Wells gray park closure
Date:	Monday, July 10, 2017 7:15:54 PM

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Great piece

Once you release it can you let me know so I can post on our media site?

Thanks

Leslie

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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 7:09 PM
To: Leslie Groulx
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Subject: BC Parks PUP Holders Messaging - Wells gray park closure
Importance: High

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If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact us again.
Thanks,

Launa Murai
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From: Leslie Groulx [mailto:lgroulx@docbc.ca]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 5:47 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: John Harwood
Subject: Wells gray park closure

Hi Jeff

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Mayor Harwood stated his support of the safety first for the visitors and community folks that must enter the park area to work. We understand that it is certainly a tenuous situation –

I believe we left it that you would provide us with information on what the plan is or how BC Parks is going to assess the situation for reentry – will be it be daily, etc. and how will that be messaged ….

Mayor Harwood and myself will be meeting with BC Wildfire Branch folks tomorrow am and will be discussing a community information meeting in the coming days. If it makes sense we may ask that you or a representative of BC Parks attends alongside the wildfire folks.

PS – we have not received any press release as of yet from Launa Murai.

Cheers
Leslie

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From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: ADM Approval Required - BC Parks PUP Holders Messaging - Wells gray park closure
Date:	Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:24:35 AM

Just to clarify then, this is a letter from the mayor that would be posted to their site? Is BCP also reaching out directly to PUP holders?

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:22 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Subject: RE: ADM Approval Required - BC Parks PUP Holders Messaging - Wells gray park closure
We were not aware they wanted to post this on their media site - I was under the impression he wanted speaking points.

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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:21 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Subject: RE: ADM Approval Required - BC Parks PUP Holders Messaging - Wells gray park closure
Launa did we not get clearance on this already? Only change I wanted to provide the Mayor with one sentence about the daily usage.

Thanks

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:15 AM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: ADM Approval Required - BC Parks PUP Holders Messaging - Wells gray park closure
Dave - we indicated to the Mayor of Clearbrook yesterday that we would provide messaging to use when speaking with media. His staff have now indicated they want to post the information below to their media site. Need your thoughts, and if you support, your approval, please.
This is the messaging going out to our Park Use Permit Holders for Wells Gray today.
Thanks.

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From: Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 7:38 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: BC Parks PUP Holders Messaging - Wells gray park closure
Any information going external needs the approval of Jim and GCPE, best to get clearance prior to and not after the release.

Regards, Bob

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:15 PM
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Cc: Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Subject: RE: BC Parks PUP Holders Messaging - Wells gray park closure
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Bob, thoughts?

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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 7:42 PM
To: Leslie Groulx
Cc: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Subject: Re: BC Parks PUP Holders Messaging - Wells gray park closure
Good catch Leslie I support

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

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From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Big Creek Park - closure
Date:	Tuesday, July 11, 2017 9:35:06 AM

FYI – Request for an exemption on closures in Big Creek.
From: s.22 @tyaxadventures.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 7:56 AM
To: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Cc: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Subject: Big Creek Park - closure

Hi Tom,

I see BC Parks home page now lists Big Creek Park as closed.

As mentioned yesterday, we have been waiting patiently for the snow to clear from the south end of the park so we could begin operations. It has recently receded and allowed us to clear and use the trails. Our guides were in there two days ago and report that the big creek area from lorna lake to graveyard creek is moist. Graveyard valley has normal summer conditions, and the south end of graveyard the snow has just come off the trail earlier this week.

We had frost in upper tyaughton creek yesterday morning and there has been light rain periodically for the past two days. My conclusion being that the fire hazard in the southern portion of big creek park has a much lower fire hazard rating then the rest of the cariboo / chilcotin area. Also the southern portion which we use in our operation is mostly at or above treeline.

I am requesting an exemption from the closure for our operation. I request the exemption be only for the southeast corner of the park, including big creek valley from lorna lake to graveyard valley, and graveyard valley itself.

Our staff are in constant radio contact with our base of operation, and we have a full time camp caretaker in upper tyaughton creek who keeps a constant watch out for any fire starts. We will also commit to an aerial patrol of our operation area within Big Creek and SCM Park each day.
We will continue to advise all our clients on the high fire danger in the province and ensure there is no open fires or smoking within our operating area.

With the above measures in place and the cooler climate of the south end of the park, I feel that our continued operation in the south east corner of Big Creek Park does not present a increased fire hazard. Combined with the areal patrol and staff on the ground with communications watching for any fires, we could be improving the fire reporting within the area.

Thanks for considering this option. I cannot recall the year at present, but we have received an exemption from "backcountry closures" in the past.

s.22

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From:	Leslie Groulx
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Call at 9:30 am today call in number?
Date:	Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:48:07 AM
Attachments:	image001.png

Hi Jeff
Am I waiting for the new updated release for the public re: last nites messaging?
Cheers
Leslie

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 9:24 AM
To: Leslie Groulx
Subject: Call at 9:30 am today call in number?
Thanks
Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
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From: Leslie Groulx
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Messaging
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:05:12 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Perfect thank you all for your diligence in this situation!!
Cheers
Leslie

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX [mailto:Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Leslie Groulx
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Messaging

Hi, Leslie.
We will be forwarding the final, approved message to the PUP holders momentarily, once those emails have been forwarded, I will email you the approved message so you can 'go live' with it publicly.
Thanks.

Launa Murai
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To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Wells Gray Provincial Park Closure
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:07:13 AM

Thank you

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX [mailto:Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Leslie Groulx
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX ; Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Subject: Wells Gray Provincial Park Closure

Leslie. You're good to go live.

Thanks!

Launa Murai
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From: Quin, Melissa ENV:EX **On Behalf Of** Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:00 AM
Subject: Wells Gray Provincial Park Closure

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jim Standen
Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service
Ministry of Environment

From:	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
To:	XT:Golmohammadi, Dr. Kamran HLTH:IN; XT:Lindsay, Darshan GCPE:IN; Lorimer, Mike TRAN:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Skrepnek, Kevin FLNR:EX
Cc:	Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject:	Wildfire media briefing

Pls dial in at 12:55 p.m. for quick pre-brief, call will open to media at 1:00 p.m.

From:	Riverside Adventures & Fitness Centre
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; s.22 Milobar.MLA, Peter LASS:EX; District of Clearwater
Subject:	Re: Riverside Rafting Adventures
Date:	Tuesday, July 11, 2017 12:06:51 PM

Thanks Jeff for also the understanding from our tourism position as well and keeping us updated if there was ever a possible compromise to access the Parks lower 4 kms of the river into the town of Clearwater with no other land base stops permitted along the river trip, while of course carrying necessary fire suppression equipment in vehicles

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On Jul 11, 2017, at 11:05 AM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi s.22 , I am in contact with Wildfire on a daily basis and reviewing the park closure on a daily basis. If things change I will let the community know immediately.
This is a very difficult time for all and I appreciate your understanding.
Thanks
Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
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From: Riverside Adventures & Fitness Centre [mailto:info@riveradventures.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; s.22 ; Original Holiday; Milobar.MLA, Peter LASS:EX; District of Clearwater
Subject: Riverside Rafting Adventures

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks

Hello Jeff,
This is s.22 from Riverside Rafting. Just wanting to connect with you

as well regarding the sudden closure of Wells Grey Park, especially the river road access we had been granted to use during this Park closure as we were told over the phone by a Park Ranger. As stated by your Park ranger, we do have a safe river travel access out of the area into the town of Clearwater. 95% of our trip now only run in the lower 4 kms of the Clearwater river corridor of Wells Gray Park leading into the town of Clearwater. Shuttle drop offs are done quickly and efficiently not leaving any employees or guests waiting for vehicle pick ups within the Park boundary, we do not do any land access stops whine the Park on our trips (no lunches etc), our take out is at our river house here in the town of Clearwater.

I do support Wells Gray Adventures' position in the email below. And reinforcing the fact that I as the owner of Riverside Rafting, I have over 25 years of high risk guiding experience from backcountry ski guiding to whitewater rafting and I am present on all the raft trips we offer. We are highly trained in risk management and accident prevention. Also back in the mid '80, I worked for 2 fire seasons as a fire fighter "Smoke Jumper" in the Yukon Territory, initial attack first responder with numerous fire suppression experiences. I am well aware of fire suppression techniques and dangers.

During the 2003 fire season, we were required to purchase all the necessary portable fire suppression equipment necessary to deal with the possibility of the detection of a start up hot spot fire and were therefore allowed to operate on the lower Clearwater river corridor road access. We still have all that equipment readily available at our base for use and would be carried in our shuttle vehicles on every trip drop off.

I realize that you are in an extremely sensitive position and that you must answer to a number of different agencies on a daily basis. As a seasonal adventures tourism company, we also have to answer to a number of external factors and clients as well as being able to provide some sort of employment at the present moment. This fact is crucial in order to be able to hold on to our tourism staff that are on stand-by right now, and who may need to move on if this situation prolongs itself without employment. Those highly skills river guides are not replaceable within the operating season. The increased overhead of running adventure tourism operations as quadrupled over the past 25 years of our operation in Wells Grey Park and without any access to the Clearwater River during this high tourism season, we could face catastrophic financial consequences. With the Park being closed, we also are loosing over 50% of our Riverside accommodation bookings at both RIverside Guest House and Riverside Cabana here in the town of Clearwater.

Again there are no fires in the Clearwater District or Wells Grey Park and the town is not under any evacuation alert this was stated again by the municipality this morning via email: Important notification - The District of Clearwater is not under alert- This is misinformation somehow feed to Global News and CBC news.

We simply ask that this situation be carefully reviewed and discussed among the heads of office to see if we could adapt to the situation and provide some kind of compromise allowing some operational activities within the boundaries of Wells Gray Provincial Park on the Clearwater River as there are no active fires in this large land base area.

I appreciate your reconsideration on this very sensitive issue and we would appreciate being kept up to date with decisional meetings etc

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Riverside Adventures

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On Jul 10, 2017, at 2:06 PM, Wells Gray Adventures <info@skihike.com> wrote:

Jeff Leahy
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Ministry of Environment, BC Parks July 10, 2017
Hello Jeff,

Thank you for taking the time to answer my e-mail. I do appreciate that. We are all concerned about public safety, and during times of increased fire hazard, controlling the use in the park will sometimes be necessary. In cases like this however, where there are no active fires in the park, we need to look at activities and areas where utilizing the park is safe and allows enough tourism activity to maintain the tourism industry. Our hut system for instance, is in the alpine. We are still on snow in our hiking areas. We access the area through crown lands, and not park, and come out 24 km up the road, well within the residential area and below the main park entrance. We have several ways to exit and over the last thirty years have had evacuations, none of which has involved park or ministry officials. All of our groups have full communication with the valley. In 2003 Wells Gray Adventures clients and guides were the first to spot several fires from lightening strikes in the park and surrounding area and to call them in in time to prevent them from spreading.

Professional guiding companies are happy to carry safety and firefighting equipment. Professional outfitters are well- equipped and trained, after all, the safety of their clients is a professional necessity. Professionally guided groups can be part of the solution. By shutting down the park to all users, including professional outfitters, many of the most experienced eyes and ears in the park are lost which means a very valuable asset in helping to prevent small fires from becoming major incidents is not being utilized.

The blanket closure of Wells Gray Park is causing unreasonable stress and hardship for many tourist businesses. Even B&B's in the park are having their guests turned away on the road. Announcing a complete closure of the park is a literal nightmare for every tourist business in the area whether they operate inside the park or not. There are front country areas (Spahats falls for instance) where visitors to our area can have an experience in the park in a safe manner thereby reducing the amount of financial hardship on many businesses and maintaining a more positive messaging surrounding the park.

There are common-sense management actions which will ensure public safety, while mitigating the devastating economic effects of a park shut down on the tourist industry- and they need to be discussed. If not, doing business in the park will become impossible as the spectre of a complete closure will rear its head whenever the fire hazard ramps up, which it is bound to do in future seasons.
We truly hope that there is some middle ground where we can protect the public without destroying tourism businesses in this area. We respectfully ask you to take these issues into consideration.
Sincerely,
s.22

Cc Stephanie Molina, Interior Whitewater Expeditions, Riverside Adventures, Liquid Lifestyles, Clearwater Lake Tours, Wells Gray Guest Ranch, Discover Wells Gray, Peter Milobar, Tod Stone
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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: July-09-17 5:53 PM
To: Wells Gray Adventures <info@skihike.com>
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca>; Austad, Bob ENV:EX <Bob.Austad@gov.bc.ca>; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX <Alan.Hobler@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: s.22

Hi s.2 , closing Wells Gray was not an easy decision and I am not certain how long this closure will be in effect. It is important to undertsand how serious the wildfire situation is. There are numerous communities that are on evacuation alert or have been evacuated.
This closure is necessary to help ensure the safety of the public and support BC Wildfire Service as they engage in numerous interface fires throughout the province.
At this time Wells Gray will remain closed as per the Information Bulletin dated July 8th, 2017.
Thank you
Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
PH: 250-371-6304
Cell: 250-371-1085

From: Wells Gray Adventures [mailto:info@skihike.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: s.22
Hi Jeff,
I hope all is well with you. As you know, this park closure will have a very

negative impact on our business and many other businesses in the area. If the closure goes on for a while, many businesses may not recover. In 2003, we were able to continue to guide groups as we have a very good safety record, a strong safety plan and good communication between the guides and the office. Do you think that there is any chance of this happening again? Our hiking guests are either in ESSF or in the alpine where the fire danger is very very low. All of our backcountry cabins have a number of different ways to get out of the them – not just one route or one road access.

For our canoe guests, we would hire a float plane to fly them out if the fires blocked the road. The guides have radios and we have in reach which is a satellite texting service.

Please get back to me as soon as you can. I would appreciate that.

s.22

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From: Clearwater Lake Tours
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Action Plan
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 12:11:42 PM
Attachments: Action Plan for Wild Fire State of Emergency July 2017.docx

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Hi Jeff, Thanks for taking my call today. Attached is the Action Plan. This is just to protect our assets and have our tour boats available to transport parks personnel or fire crews during this emergency situation. Sincerely s.22 Clearwater Lake Tours

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From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; Wheeler, Hilary ENV:EX; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Format adjustment on the BC Parks home page
Date:	Tuesday, July 11, 2017 1:27:12 PM

Works for me, Rob. Very straightforward navigation.

From: Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; Wheeler, Hilary ENV:EX; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX
Subject: Format adjustment on the BC Parks home page

Hi, I've drafted an adjustment to the format of the Wildfire section on the BC Parks home page to improve clarity. Is this ok?

http://wwwd.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/

Thanks

Rob Fiddler
Web Analyst
BC Parks | Ministry of Environment
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From: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Wells Gray Park Fire Danger
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 1:30:08 PM
Attachments: image001.png
image011.png
image012.png
image013.png
image014.png

Jeff,
BCWS has 4 weather stations in and around Wells Gray Park. One is located in the North West portion, one in the south and the other two are on the eastern boundary. I have reviewed the data for all 4 weather stations as well as discussed the hazard with my operations staff and can confirm since July 4 the fire rating for the park has been high to extreme levels. I will can review the data at noon daily (stations are updated at noon) and provide you with any significant changes.
Let me know if you require any additional information. Thanks

Rob Schweitzer
Fire Centre Manager, Kamloops Fire Centre
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: 250 554-5501 | Cell: 250 320-0433
Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555



From:	Walsh, Stuart G ENV:EX
To:	ENV PPA Regional Directors; ENV PPA Section Heads ONLY
Cc:	Friberg, Janine ENV:EX
Subject:	Park Closure Signs
Date:	Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:25:27 PM
Attachments:	Park closed extreme wildfire.PDF Park closed wildfire.pdf image004.png

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Here are the “Park Closed” signs to be used in the case of closures due to Wildfire activity or Extreme Wildfire Hazard. These can be used immediately to post closed parks and can be printed off locally and posted onto info shelters, sign posts etc in the parks. Longer term, I will work to have them produced in the same format as the No Smoking signs.
Please forward them on to your staff as required.
And a big thanks to Peter Goetz and Janine Friberg who worked to get these mocked up.
Thanks,

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Stuart Walsh
Safety, Compliance and Enforcement Officer
BC Parks
Ph: (778) 698-4229

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: Re: 1:00 Media Calls
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 5:29:29 PM

Will do.

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment
(250) 812-5747 (cell)

On Jul 11, 2017, at 5:10 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Hi David, I have to be at Kinder Morgan meeting tomorrow. Larry said he would join the 1:00 calls for couple days. Can you set him up please as Parks rep.
> Lar - There has only been 1 question for Parks in 3 calls. Most of focus is on communities.
> On my cell if you need me
> Jeff Leahy
> Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
> Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
> PH: 250-371-6304
> Cell: 250-371-1085

Sarah Welke
Prevention Clerk
BC Wildfire Service | Kamloops Fire Centre
Phone: 250-554-5534
REPORT WILDFIRES: 1-800-663-5555 or *5555

From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc:	Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Skrepnek, Kevin FLNR:EX
Subject:	New BC Parks rep on call
Date:	Tuesday, July 11, 2017 6:49:44 PM

Hi Viv - FYI Larry Boudreau will pinch hit for Jeff on the media calls tomorrow and Thursday. Can you pls send him calendar invite?

His title:

Larry Boudreau,
Regional Director, BC Parks, Northern Region

Thx
Dave

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment
(250) 812-5747 (cell)

From:	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
To:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc:	Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Skrepnek, Kevin FLNR:EX
Subject:	RE: New BC Parks rep on call
Date:	Tuesday, July 11, 2017 7:03:15 PM

Will do - will likely send mid-morning.

-----Original Message-----
From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 6:50 PM
To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc: Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Skrepnek, Kevin FLNR:EX
Subject: New BC Parks rep on call

Hi Viv - FYI Larry Boudreau will pinch hit for Jeff on the media calls tomorrow and Thursday. Can you pls send him calendar invite?

His title:

Larry Boudreau,
Regional Director, BC Parks, Northern Region

Thx
Dave

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment
(250) 812-5747 (cell)

From: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
To: Chapman, Cliff T FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Fw: FYI: Area Restrictions and Open Fire Prohibtions
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:03:01 PM
Attachments: image002.png
17 KFC2017-010 Sec. 12 Equip & Activities Prohibition Order Jul 7.pdf
17 KFC2017-011 Sec. 10 Campfire Open Fire Prohibition Jul 7.pdf
17 KFC2017-012 Sec. 11 Area Restriction Dunn Lake Area Jul 11.pdf
17 KFC2017-013 Sec. 11 Area Restriction Thuya Creek Area Jul 11.pdf
17 KFC2017-006 Sec. 10 Cat 2&3 Open Fire Prohibition June 15.pdf

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Jeff,

I didn't realize this extended into a Park. Cliff and I are at separate public meetings tonight but will touch base tomorrow.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 5:35 PM
To: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: FYI: Area Restrictions and Open Fire Prohibtions

Hi Rob Section 11 covers part of protected area. May look at extending closure for whole protected area under Park Act.
Thanks
Jeff

From: Van Damme, Kevin ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 5:19 PM
To: King, John ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: FW: FYI: Area Restrictions and Open Fire Prohibtions
fyi

From: Welke, Sarah FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Van Damme, Kevin ENV:EX; Faucett, D. Brad FLNR:EX
Cc: Young, Jennifer FLNR:EX
Subject: FYI: Area Restrictions and Open Fire Prohibtions
Good afternoon,
The following documents have been attached for your reference:

1. Sec. 10 Cat 2/3 Open Fire
2. Sec. 10 Campfire Open Fire
3. Sec. 12 Equipment & Activities
4. Sec. 11 Dunn Lake Area Restriction
5. Sec. 11 Thuya Creek Area Restriction

Please pass this information on to whoever may require it and there are any questions please feel free to phone Jen or me.
Thank you,
☺

Sarah Welke

From:	Clearwater Lake Tours
To:	King, John ENV:EX
Cc:	Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; XT:Blackwell, Merlin ENV:IN; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Action Plan for State of Emergency Fire 2017
Date:	Wednesday, July 12, 2017 6:54:01 AM
Attachments:	image001.png

Dear John, The last email was done late last night so here is a bit more information.
List of the equipment.

1. 2 x chainsaws
2. 2 x maddocks
3. 2x shovels
4. 200 gallon tank for water
5. F-150 Truck for watertank and portable Pump
6. 400 ft. of Fire Hose with nozzle
7. 30ft. Jet Boat to haul in fire crews to remote locations.
8. 26ft. Jet boat to haul crews to remote locations
9. Portable water pump
10. First aid kits x 4 with epi-pens
11. Food for the crew for 1 month
12. Sat. Phone
13. 2x VHF Radios portable
14. 1x VHF Radio at office- Café
15. Generators 1 x 6500 with remote start , 1 x 2000w and 1 x 1000w all are Hondas

Protecting the Café will be our first priority when fighting a fire. Bottom to top with the hose, keeping building soaked with water.
Moving our Boats and yours and Blackwells boat as well to safety of Clearwater lake if necessary.
Protecting the Store if able.
Protecting the Blackwell staff buildings if we are able to
Also any extra equipment you feel we should have can be borrowed from s.22
If s.22 does not have it we can purchase it.
s.22 has been an active Fire Fighting Boss in the past and is willing to give us help with planning.
Again I thankyou for the opportunity to serve the Province
Sincerely
s.22

From: Clearwater Lake Tours [mailto:info@clearwaterlaketours.com]
Sent: July-11-17 10:07 PM
To: 'King, John ENV:EX'
Subject: RE: Action Plan for State of Emergency Fire 2017
Hi John, We have 400 ft. of Fire hose that we can use from the hydrants located by our docks at the clearwater lake campground; there is also a hydrant by the store. For hosing down the buildings if need be. We would also be able to move our boats out to the middle of Clearwater lake if the fire was approaching our area. Our portable pump uses the same fire hose that attaches to the hydrants. We do need someone on site to man the hoses and move the boats. We would also be

able to help with any crews that needed transport up Clearwater or to Azure Lakes. The lock will help with vandalism but will not help save our investment if fire does come our way. We have already tested our hoses today and have them laid out and ready to go. When will you be locking the gate? We will be very disappointed if not able to be a part of the effort. Always have helped out in the past and would like to continue this partnership with BC Parks. We posted the use of the hose on our Facebook page today. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Sincerely s.22
s.22

From: King, John ENV:EX [mailto:John.King@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: July-11-17 6:31 PM
To: 'Clearwater Lake Tours' <info@clearwaterlaketours.com>
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX <Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Action Plan for State of Emergency Fire 2017

Hi s.22

Thank you for presenting your proposed Emergency Plan for protecting your investment in Wells Gray Park.

At this time, under the current conditions of the Park Closure, BC Parks is reviewing your request to enter Wells Gray Park for the purpose of protecting your investments. BC Parks will contact you with a decision as soon as possible.

Could you please describe in more detail your plan to provide fire suppression to your investments, including techniques. Can you also provide more details about your portable pump and fire suppression equipment. Can this equipment be used without a sustained human presence?

If you could please provide BC Parks with this information as soon as possible so this information can be used in the decision making process.

On another note I would like to inform you that BC Parks will be installing a new lock on the gate leading from the paved section of Clearwater Valley Road to the gravel section of the same road which leads to Clearwater Lake. This will provide greater control and increase security to the area of the park beyond/north of the gate where your investments are located.

Sincerely,

John A. King
Acting Area Supervisor

Northern Forests Thompson-Cariboo Region
Ministry of Environment BC Parks & Conservation Officer Service
1259 Dalhousie Drive Kamloops, BC, V2C 5Z5
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From: Clearwater Lake Tours [mailto:info@clearwaterlaketours.com]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:07 AM
To: King, John ENV:EX
Subject: Action Plan for State of Emergency Fire 2017

Hi John, Attached is the Plan. Cheers s.22

From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc:	Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; Wheeler, Hilary ENV:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Hurrell, Lara GCPE:EX
Subject:	RE: evacuation icons and smoking important update (blue section)
Date:	Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:47:30 AM

Silly questions/thoughts:

- Where there's an evacuation alert but the park is closed (ie: Beaver Valley, Finger-Tatuk)… who is still in the park that needs to be prepped to evacuate?
- We have parks on evacuation alert but are still open….so we're still allowing more visitors to come to those parks?
- Also Beaver Valley has the icon beside it in the closed parks list, but it's not listed in the evacuation alert list.

From: Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Goetz, Peter ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; Wheeler, Hilary ENV:EX
Subject: RE: evacuation icons and smoking important update (blue section)

I've posted the 'Parks with Evacuation Alerts' section:

http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/

Thanks

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www.bcparks.ca



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From: Goetz, Peter ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:07 AM
To: Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: RE: evacuation icons and smoking important update (blue section)

Hi Rob

The front page with the evac and closed parks followed by the alerts is great. Thank you for putting the smoking ban stuff up there!

If we can populate the alerts tab with the following parks and then go live it would be appreciated:

Finger Tatuk
Sowchea
Parrens
Nation
Mt Pope

Thanks a bunch
Peter

From: Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:24 PM
To: Goetz, Peter ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: RE: evacuation icons and smoking important update (blue section)

Ok thanks, Peter. I've adjusted it.

http://wwwd.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/

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From: Goetz, Peter ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:21 PM
To: Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: RE: evacuation icons and smoking important update (blue section)

Looks awesome, however closures should be at the top before alerts

Peter

From: Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Goetz, Peter ENV:EX
Subject: evacuation icons and smoking important update (blue section)

Hi, I've mocked it up on the home page. I've added an icon beside a park to indicate the evacuation notice, and have created a legend. It also has a hover-based tooltip.

Does this look ok?

http://wwwd.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/

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From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX; Van Damme, Kevin ENV:EX; Merritt, Dave ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Dearmond, Wes ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Steere, Heather ENV:EX; Shaw, Heather ENV:EX
Subject:	Closure of Dunn Peak Park
Date:	Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:29:21 AM
Attachments:	Order - Dunn Peak.pdf image001.png image002.png

Please see the attached Order of the Regional Director to close Dunn Peak Park effective immediately. This measure is being taken due to the presence of wildfire on the western flanks of the protected area and the rapidly changing conditions and ongoing threat of further wildfire activity.

Rob Fiddler, can you please ensure this notice gets posted on the park website similar to the Wells Gray closure.

Thanks,

Craig Baillie

Area Supervisor
Western Mountains Area
250-371-6210
Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca



From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Ranger Powers and Authorites
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 3:24:58 PM
Attachments: Park Ranger Powers Authorities Sheet with VORR as of May 2016.docx

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From:	Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Response: Assistance Request - BC Parks - High priority
Date:	Wednesday, July 12, 2017 10:25:27 PM
Attachments:	image002.png image003.png image004.png image005.png image006.png

Sorry for the delay, it's been a long day. Excellent product and I have no concerns. It essentially replaces what I would do manually by going in and looking at each weather station.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 12:13 PM
To: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Response: Assistance Request - BC Parks - High priority

Sorry I got it figured. Im going to provide a map of danger rating to Mayor and council on daily basis. If you are ok with that. Ryan has offered assistance.
Any concerns with this approach?

From: BCWS Geospatial Services FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:13 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: BCWS Geospatial Services FLNR:EX
Subject: Response: Assistance Request - BC Parks - High priority

Hi Jeff and Launa,
Below is a quick map I pulled together using your details below. Please review and let me know if it will suit your needs. If this map is a single product that you would like updated daily, I can incorporate that into my routine for producing the provincial Fires of Note and Danger Rating maps. We won't be able to accommodate a large series of maps for different parks, but if Wells Gray is of particular importance, I can certainly help and include it for you.
The map is located below, let me know if you would like any changes. Once everything is set up, I will update the maps around 3pm every weekday until I'm told it's no longer required.
17 Fires of Note & DR MAP WellsGray 8.5 x 11 20170712.pdf
\\wildfiregeo.bcgov\geomatics$\!Publish\Maps\FireOfNote_Situation_Maps
Thanks,
Ryan

Ryan Stohmann
GIS Technician | BC Wildfire Service Geospatial Services
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: 250 387 8772
Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555

For BC Wildfire Geospatial support please email: BCWSGEO (BCWILDFIREGEO@gov.bc.ca)

For general GIS-related support check out the Geospatial Community Sharepoint Site

From: Northcott, Krista L FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; BCWS Geospatial Services FLNR:EX
Subject: Action Request: Assistance Request - BC Parks - High priority
From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:38 AM
To: Northcott, Krista L FLNR:EX
Subject: Assistance Request - BC Parks
Importance: High

Hi, Krista.

Sorry to bother you but BC Parks needs your assistance, if possible.

Our Regional Director (Jeff Leahy) in the most affected wildfire area needs a map and the only staff member we have with those capabilities is off. What we need is a map of Wells Gray park indicating the weather station locations within the park, and, the fire hazard rating at each station. Is this possible?

If you can lend assistance we would greatly appreciate it - but, if you're not able to help, do you have a name of someone that can? Feel free to call me.

Thanks so much for your time.

Launa

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Launa Murai
Issues and Initiatives Manager, BC Parks and Conservation Officer Services *Division, MoE*
W) 778-698-4289 **C) 250-208-5933**



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From:	s.22
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Subject:	Re: Big Creek exemption - Amended
Date:	Thursday, July 13, 2017 6:58:03 AM
Attachments:	image003.png

Hi Jeff,

Thanks for your consideration.

Pretty easy for us to understand the current situation, as it wasn't long ago that we had a 10,000 ha fire running past our property line while numerous other fires burned in the Lillooet, Seton and Pemberton regions.

I would like to amend our request for exemption to include only a 1.5 km section of trail between Lorna Lake and Lorna pass. This section of trail is at or above treeline (6300' to 7300') primarily surrounded by rock and has patches of snow on it. This general area is currently listed in a "High" Hazard area by MOF.

With this past week in our area experiencing relatively cool temperatures and even brief periods of rain, it could well likely be the lowest fire hazard we see all summer. It would be beneficial to the economy of our area, the stability of our business and the employment of our staff if we could make good use of it. Before the Hazard in this area goes up and / or there are fires in our proximity and there is a direct necessity to limit our operation.

When you feel the time is right to consider possible exemptions to park closures, I hope ours is near the top of the list.

Thank you.

s.22

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On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 6:22 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Hi s.22
>
> The Province is currently in a State of Emergency. Big Creek is closed due to the extreme fire hazard for the area. Extreme fire hazard suggests there are extremely dry fuels and the fire hazard is very serious.
>
> At this time I am not making any exemptions to park closures.
>
> I understand this is a challenging time for all and appreciate your understanding.
>
> Thanks
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> Jeff Leahy
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> Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
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> Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> **From:** s.22 @tyaxadventures.com>
> **Date:** July 11, 2017 at 9:45:43 PM PDT
> **To:** "Hughes, Tom ENV:EX" <tom.hughes@gov.bc.ca>
> **Cc:** "Baillie, Craig ENV:EX" <Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca>
> **Subject: Big Creek exemption**
>
> Hi Tom,
>
> I would like to add a couple of items to our request for an exemption to the parks closure.
>
> Firstly, we have retained an instructor and starting tomorrow our staff will begin a S100 Fire suppression and safety course. We have also upgraded our camp fire suppression equipment to include piss cans.

Secondly, one of our staff members who had traveled through the area in question last week is s.22 has been with our company for s.22

s.22 s.22 offers the following appraisal of the south end of Big Creek Park;

Hi, s.22

As discussed, I travelled from Lorna Lake, down Big Creek trail and looped around, through Graveyard Valley and Elbow Pass, into South Chilcotin Mountains Park last weekend.

The Big Creek Park trails I travelled where wet and muddy, considerably more so than the areas in SMC Park, to the south. In both cases, the fire hazard, in my opinion, was moderate.

I appreciate all the issues and extremes of temperature and humidity being experienced in the Cariboo/Chilcotin regions and the strains the current fire are placing on resources. It's no surprise that BC Parks wants to limit having additional fire starts add to the problem. That said, I think there is a case to be made that the high elevation area of Lorna Lake and the high valley of Graveyard are not as high risk as the lower elevation areas nearer to Hanceville.

Regards,

s.22
Fire Chief
s.22

Looking forward to discussing this with you further as soon as possible, we have staff that are wondering if they have a job and clients traveling from all corners of the globe to be with us.

Thanks

s.22

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From:	Leslie Groulx
To:	Stephanie Molina; Merritt, Dave ENV:EX; Sherri Madden; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Tourism Wells Gray Message to TWG Stakeholders- for your review
Date:	Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:25:02 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Hi Stephanie
I have done a couple tweaks---- in red
From my perspective I believe your message should be from TWG Board not you personally. Just my thoughts
Cheers
Leslie

From: Stephanie Molina [mailto:stephanie@wellsgray.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:09 PM
To: Leslie Groulx ; Merritt, Dave ENV:EX ; Sherri Madden ; Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Tourism Wells Gray Message to TWG Stakeholders- for your review
Importance: High

Hello Jeff, Leslie, Sherri, and Dave,
Following our wildfire update meeting this morning, I wanted to send a quick update to the Tourism Wells Gray stakeholders. As the message I hope to send relies heavily on information provided by your agencies this morning, I would appreciate your review of the text below to ensure it is as accurate as possible. Please let me know if you have any suggested edits, additions, or advice.
Many thanks,
Stephanie

DRAFT-

"Dear Tourism Stakeholders,
I am writing to let you know that Tourism Wells Gray continues to receive wildfire information and updates from BC Parks, District of Clearwater, and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.
At this time, fire danger for Wells Gray Provincial Park and the surrounding area is classified as extreme by the BC Government. It is predicted to remain this way over the next several days based on weather forecasts. For that reason the status quo remains in effect, meaning Wells Gray Provincial Park remains closed as do the trails and recreation sites around the Park (including Clearwater River Trail and Silvertip Falls). BC Parks has the closures in place because they are deemed to be absolutely necessary.
Additionally, yesterday (July 12) another fire broke out south of Pump Town (Blackpool. Please find the most recent District of Clearwater Wildfire Update regarding this fire. O
I would direct them to the BC Wildfire website for both of these incidence - http://www.districtofclearwater.com/wildfire-update-fire-south-of-pump-town/ Here you can find the most recent District of Clearwater update regarding the Little Fort fires: http://www.districtofclearwater.com/wildfire-update-from-bc-wildfire-little-fort-complex/
Since the Wells Gray Provincial Park closure was announced, I have listened first hand to

tourism businesses informing me of the negative economic impact of the wildfire and Park closure. Thanks you for letting me know about your questions and concerns. I understand that this is an incredibly difficult time for those directly impacted by the Wells Gray Park closure. I want you to know that I have been continually (today was the first day we were engaged in this discussion with you – so keep it vague/simple)-relayed your questions and concerns to BC Parks and local governments. BC Parks is aware that the closure is having negative impacts on our tourism industry and are reviewing the conditions and Wells Gray Park closure on a daily basis. (– was BC Parks not working with Destination BC on this aspect? That was my understanding)

As Marketing Manager, I will be working more proactively with Destination BC, the Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association, and other BC tourism organizations to ensure that the public in BC, Canada, and internationally has accurate information the status of Wells Gray Park and tourism in our area. I will continue to seek resources that might help your business during this situation and with economic recovery in the future. And as you are aware I have been sure to provide widespread and up-to-date information about the accommodations and activities that remain open to our visitors and stakeholders in an effort to support our tourism economy as it stands.

As always, I am hear to listen and help what is within my power and mandate to assist with.

For the latest information regarding the wildfire and Park closure please see the links below:

- BC WILDFIRE SERVICE STATUS- http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status
- DISTRICT OF CLEARWATER NEWS- http://www.districtofclearwater.com/news/
- THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT- https://www.tnrd.ca/
- BC WILDFIRE DANGER RATING: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-danger
- AIR QUALITY- http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/air/air-quality/air-advisories
- DRIVE BC- http://www.drivebc.com/
- BC Parks: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_gry/

Sincerely,

Stephanie"

Stephanie Molina
Tourism Marketing Manager
Tourism Wells Gray
Website: www.wellsgray.ca
Phone: 1.250.674.3530 ext. 109

From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Cc:	Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX
Subject:	PC Rollup - Jy13.xlsx
Date:	Thursday, July 13, 2017 2:51:22 PM
Attachments:	PC Rollup - Jy13.xlsx

Updated doc.

From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Cc:	Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX
Subject:	Updated - PC Rollup - Jy13.xlsx
Date:	Thursday, July 13, 2017 2:52:41 PM
Attachments:	PC Rollup - Jy13.xlsx

Caught a mistake - please refer to this document.
Thanks.

From: Wells Gray Adventures
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: s.22
Date: Thursday, July 13, 2017 2:56:51 PM

Hi Jeff,

Thanks for taking the time to talk with me today. This is not an easy time for anyone that deals with Wells Gray Park. Not easy for you, for us, for the young people at the info centre or for the rangers in the field. It has been a very tough week on Clearwater and everyone is feeling the fall out of the dry summer. All of us are under stress and pressure.

As I said on the phone, I worked for 17 years in the Himalayas and guided well over 60 long trips into Nepal/India/Tibet/Pakistan. The focus for all trips was on risk management and that holds true to our operation here in Wells Gray Park. We take our guiding seriously. My wife and partner is a RPF has been a crew boss on fires in the past and has a good understanding of risk management.

I am sure that you could feel my frustration on the phone that logging companies are still going full tilt in dead pine and IDF forests and yet we cannot put a boot on the ground in the much wetter ICH, ESSF or in the alpine. I do feel that having us in the high country could be an asset and not a liability as having more well trained eyes and ears in the hills is a good thing. I truly feel that you have the ability to protect the safety of the general public in Wells Gray without having guiding companies like us face severe financial hardship.

I do look forward to talking to you in the next few days. Best to you.

Sincerely,

s.22

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From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Per Diems
Date:	Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:07:41 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png

Jeff,

We are wondering about the possibility of Rangers assisting in the Wells Gray Task Team to receive full travel status to allow them to receive a full per diem. At this point all staff do not have access to a kitchen and as such they have been eating out at restaurants each day which has been a financial burden.

Thank you for considering this.

Cheers,

Craig

Planning Chief

Craig Baillie

Area Supervisor

Western Mountains Area

250-371-6210

Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca

From: Wells Gray Adventures
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: s.22
Date: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:20:20 PM

Hi Jeff,
We are still trying to run our canoe program on different lakes in BC. We spent the last few days driving around finding places. We have found some great spots, but now we need canoes. Most of our boats are still at Clearwater Lake. Would there be a chance for us to go up there and grab some canoes. I would be happy to go up with a Park Ranger if that would suit you better.
I look forward to hearing back from you.
Cheers

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To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Wells Gray Closure
Date: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:51:21 PM

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Thanks you,
s.22

From: Wells Gray Adventures
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: s.22
Date: Thursday, July 13, 2017 6:09:20 PM

Thanks, that will help a bit. It will probably have to be Saturday or Monday. Do you want Dave to go with us or can he just let us in and out? I think I have his cell.

s.22

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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: July-13-17 4:27 PM
To: Wells Gray Adventures
Cc: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Subject: RE: s.22

Absolutely. Dave will be given a heads up that you are coming

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From: Wells Gray Adventures [mailto:info@skihike.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: s.22

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From: s.22
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Wells Gray Closure
Date: Thursday, July 13, 2017 6:14:11 PM
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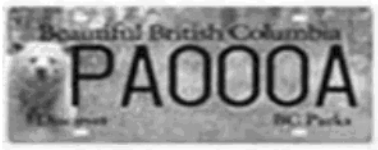
What do you think the odds are of having it available mid August

s.22

-------- Original Message --------
From: "Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX" <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Thu, Jul 13, 2017, 5:02 PM
To: 's.22
CC: "Baillie, Craig ENV:EX" <Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Wells Gray Closure

Mr s.22
Wells Gray Provincial Park is currently closed until further notice due to the Extreme Fire Hazard.
Thank you
Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
PH: 250-371-6304
Cell: 250-371-1085

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From:	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
To:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Skrepnek, Kevin FLNR:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: BC parks rep on today"s call
Date:	Friday, July 14, 2017 11:48:29 AM

Will do.

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Skrepnek, Kevin FLNR:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject: BC parks rep on today's call

Hi Viv/Kevin – FYI The BC Parks rep on today's call to answer any questions as necessary will be Al Hobler, Section Head BC Parks Regional Operations - Interior - Thompson/Cariboo.

Viv - Can you pls send speaker's line calendar invite to Al?

Thx,

Dave

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment
(250) 812-5747

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Hurrell, Lara GCPE:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Call at 1:00 Al will handle
Date: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:36:39 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Thx for doing this Al
Here's some basic messages that may be helpful, just in case a question or two comes your way.

- Public safety is the first priority. Until further notice none of the parks and protected areas in the Cariboo and Chicotin shall be accessed by the general public due to severe wildfire hazard.
- This is for the safety of the public and first responders, as well as to ensure resources currently deployed to respond to wildfires do not have to be diverted away from protecting homes and communities.
- Parks that have been closed are listed on the BC Parks website www.bcparks.ca
- Information around refunds for cancelled reservations is also on the website
- If a campground remains open it is because it is deemed safe for the public to travel and stay there.

If there's any questions that you don't know the answer to, just say that we'll look into the query and the ministry's communications office will get back to the reporter. If anyone asks, our GCPE media line is 250 953-3834

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject: Call at 1:00 Al will handle
Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
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From:	Clearwater Lake Tours
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	XT:Blackwell, Merlin ENV:IN; King, John ENV:EX: Merritt, Dave ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; "Wells Gray Adventures"; info@helmckenfalls.com; s.22 ; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; "Stephanie Molina"
Subject:	Ways to run a tour in the park
Date:	Friday, July 14, 2017 2:19:10 PM

Hi Jeff, At my meeting with Dave yesterday we had a discussion on how we might be able to run Guided day Tours within Wells Gray Park while it is closed to the general Public. Here are a few Ideas.

1. A guided day canoe at Clearwater lake maximum 8 people per guide. We usually go out to Divers Bluff then return. Back to the deck by 3-4pm out to the gate by 5pm. Usually 2-4 people
2. Guided Boat tour to rainbow Falls. Maximum 12 people . Departure at 10:30 am back to the dock by 5pm out to the gate by 6pm.

   Both of these tours would be behind the locked gate so no public access could happen. You could have a Park Ranger in at the same time making sure all is well. We would have radio communication as well as a Sat. Phone.
3. You could also have a guided trip to Helmcken Falls, Dawson Falls or do a Ranger escort at certain times with limited vehicles. If you did this last one for sure the Public Relations Effect would be huge for you. People Love to see the Rangers in Uniform.

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   Sincerely

   s.22

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To:	Clearwater Lake Tours; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	XT:Blackwell, Merlin ENV:IN; King, John ENV:EX; Merritt, Dave ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; info@helmckenfalls.com; s.22 '; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; "Stephanie Molina"
Subject:	RE: Ways to run a tour in the park
Date:	Friday, July 14, 2017 3:41:57 PM
Attachments:	image001.png Modified Access Plan.pdf

Hello Everyone, July 14, 2017

We think that s.22 is on the right track! Starting a dialogue that involves strategies to keep people safe without completely shutting down access to the park is important. Our concern is the fact that this summer will be hot and dry and so will summers in the future. If we are to have a tourism industry, ways must be found to manage visitor access during high fire hazards. Closing the whole park every time the fire hazard increases will make building a tourism economy here impossible.

The current fire situation has been sad and unfortunate. We know it is a time of stress for everyone. However, if we can draw on the expertise of the people involved in the Tourism Industry here in the Clearwater and Wells Gray area, we can come up with ways to ensure public safety while mitigating the economic effects of a high fire hazard situation.

Here is an example of a modified access plan in event of high fire hazards for Wells Gray Park. **This is a suggestion only! This document is submitted as a starting point for constructive dialogue on how to manage high fire hazard periods here in Wells Gray Park.**

"Modified access Plan for Wells Gray Provincial Park During Periods of High Fire Hazard"

COMMUNICATIONS:

Signs at the bottom of the road would state that there were some area closures due to the fire hazard and folks need to obey all signs and stop at the information centre for details.

1. Signs would be needed at trailheads.
2. Trail closure information would be disseminated by TWG (Tourism Wells Gray) and IWG (Information Wells Gray) to industry partners and visitors.

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1. Close the gate at Helmcken Falls and only allow parties with guides, fire equipment and communications past this point during the period of highest hazard. These parties will be on the lake.
2. Park use permittees taking fully-guided groups out in their permit areas with equipment and communications plans approved by BC Parks should be allowed to continue to operate.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO WELLS GRAY PARK

Helmcken Falls is our calling card. People travel from all over the world specifically to see this

waterfall. Despite the corridor road to Helmcken being only one access, it is well paved and easy to navigate. With no fires burning in the park, allowing people to see Helmcken Falls carries negligible risk while fulfilling the main travel plans of the bulk of our visitors.

1. Helm falls – Open

South Rim- **Closed and Signed**

2. Dawson Falls – Open

Pyramid Campsite and Pyramid Trails **Closed and Signed-** gate locked

Majerus farmstead/ Blackwater trail - **Closed and Signed**

Placid Lake- **Closed and Signed**

3. Green Mountain – Open

Battle Access- **Closed and Signed**

4. Moul Falls - This is a very popular trail- not too far from town – access could be considered with a park's personnel or volunteer on hand to help interpret and communicate to the public.
5. Trophy Flower Meadows- This is very wet and close to town and one of our most popular areas. I think it should be left open for day use only- no overnight.
6. Spahats Falls- Open

This would mean six areas that are open and functioning. The advantages of a modified access plan are:

- **Prevent the economic hardship of a total shut down by keeping the tourism economy moving**,
- **Prevent negative messaging and the panic cancellations that are resulting from a full closure**.
- **Require less parks personnel** then is being utilized now at the barricade because it wouldn't be necessary to check residents, give out cards or similar. Parks personnel could be utilized in communicating with our visitors and monitoring the corridor to insure there are no vehicles in the closed areas parking lots.
- **Increase the number of qualified eyes watching over the park.** Putting the permittees and operators into play is a good way to utilize important resources and stretch capability.
- **Prevent pushing people into areas that are harder to monitor and control then Wells Gray Park.** Though all of the recreation trails outside of the Wells Gray Corridor are still open, trails in these areas are hard to find and poorly signed. Finding and evacuating visitors from these areas would be very difficult. The one road into Wells Gray Park makes visitor use in the corridor easy to monitor and control.

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From:	Kaechele, Lonnie ENV:EX
To:	Stevens, Tory ENV:EX; Liepins, Sarma I ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: fire retardant
Date:	Friday, July 14, 2017 4:27:04 PM

Thank you Tory and Sarma for the information regarding the ecological effects of fire retardants/suppressants. I've been told that there is no plan to use these within the Atnarko River Valley. The use of foam has been mentioned to me, but I'm told we will be informed if the use of such products is to be considered near the Atnarko. There may be suppressants used around the homesteads at the precipice The fire has not come down to the Tote Rd except at the very end where it burned through the parking area at the Hunlen Falls Trailhead. It continues to travel northeast in the direction of Anahim Lake.

There is likely to be one fire crew unit of around 20 personnel shuttling to and from the fire by helicopter from one of the old hay meadows near the Josephine Cabin part way up the Tote Rd. It's looking like a gravel pit, within Tweedsmuir Park, across from Atnarko campground may be used to support the aerial firefighting operation. I don't know too much about what is involved with this, it may involve the mixing of fuels to enable the use of helitorch equipment.

I will keep you posted if I hear more on this subject.

Lonnie Kaechele

Senior Park Ranger-Bella Coola Area

From: Stevens, Tory ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 2:06 PM
To: Kaechele, Lonnie ENV:EX
Subject: fire retardant

Hi Lonnie,

I just left you a rambling voice mail. Here is a link to the document I referenced. The USFS is very thorough. The results in this document are reported by group so you can fairly easily zero in on whatever you have a specific concern about. Basically it looks as if the effects are worse in aquatic environments…initially more toxic and with lingering, sublethal effects. This can result from a direct hit on water or from surface runoff within the watershed.

If you want to talk more about this let me know and I'll call back after our next interview.

https://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/FINAL%20FEIS%20Complete%20For%20Web.pdf

Tory

Tory Stevens PhD, RPBio

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Larry Boudreau,
Regional Director, BC Parks, Northern Region
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- Sharon Erickson is acting for Don Cadden.
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Regards,

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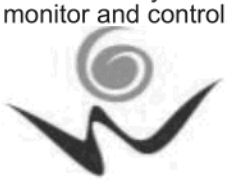
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Subject:	RE: Ways to run a tour in the park
Date:	Saturday, July 15, 2017 11:26:06 AM

Dear Merlin
I had two guests turned away from the road block at Spahats last night that had reservations at the Lodge. They drove to Valemount before they could find accommodation.
Are you turning everyone away now?

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Date:	Saturday, July 15, 2017 4:15:48 PM
Attachments:	[Untitled]_20170715132124000.pdf image002.png image004.png image005.png image006.png image003.png

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From: Litke, Brad M FLNR:EX
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Cc: Chapman, Cliff T FLNR:EX
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s.22

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Subject:	BC parks staff issuing alerts?
Date:	Sunday, July 16, 2017 8:37:57 PM

Much confusion on this one... I got a former TNRD director calling foul.

This is TNRD turf...
"
s.22 : Received this, very confusing any ideas?

"Hello s.22 We received a visit from official park staff to advise us of the evacuation alert this morning. No TNRD has not posed anything. We were advised we would receive another visit from park staff when we were required to evacuate. We were also given evacuation directions."

s.22 both received this.

Merlin

Sent from my iPhone

From: info@discoverwellsgray.com
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Wells Gray Parks closure
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:43:20 PM

Dear Jeff

As I contacted you and Jim Standen last week, and I have witnessed many of the subsequent emails sent to you about the Park closure from other operators, I just wanted to let you know that although I have concerns about the Park closure I am satisfied that you are doing what is reasonable and necessary in the situation.

I'm sure you anticipated kickback from operators over your decision, but I felt it's important for you to know that you do have understanding and support in some quarters, and I personally will not be distracting you with further comment until this situation is over.

My very best wishes to you in this difficult time, and I shall remain available to do whatever I can to support BC Parks and the public going forward.

Best regards

s.22

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Date:	Monday, July 17, 2017 6:21:24 PM
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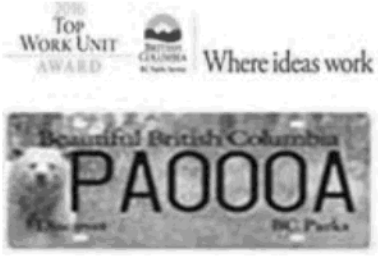
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Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
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PH: 250-371-6304
Cell: 250-371-1085



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Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 7:23:51 PM
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Apologies date of departure is Tuesday 7/18/2017 (Tomorrow)

Sincerely,

Karen Mohr |Area Supervisor|
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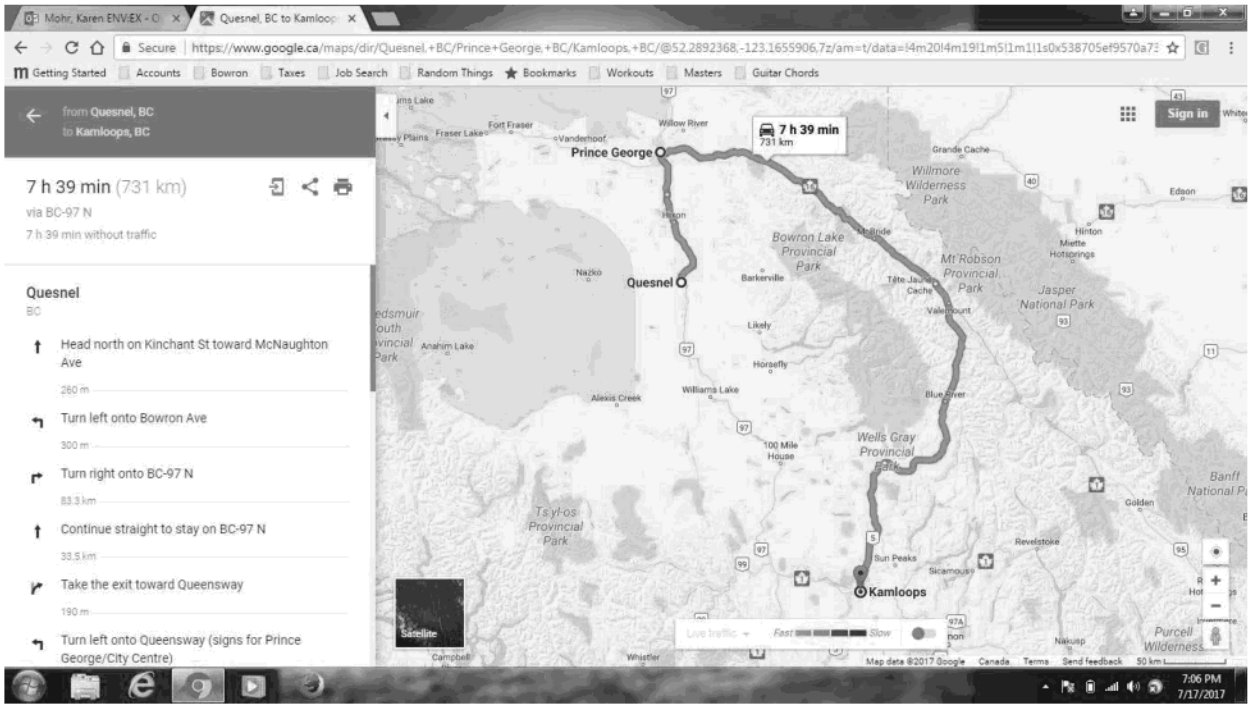
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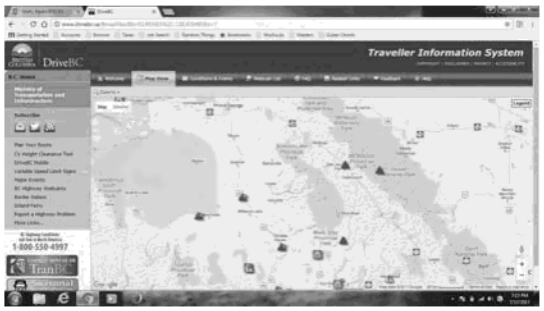
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HWY 16W to Tete Jaune Cache

HWY 5 to Kamloops





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Hi Tod

Just some fires we are aware of on Steve's route home (this is just from the Fire Interactive Map). They are not listed as closures or as affecting the Hwys.

I am not in this area and have no contacts to information officers here but I think we can assume possible smoke and heavy traffic conditions. We will check them again in the morning and discuss with you before we leave.

Fires that appear to be along the Hwy 5 route

G31133 - Albreda Creek
K20706 - N. of Dunn Lake (Fire of Note)
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> He will re-check the Drive BC website immediately before departing and he will contact Tod Haughton (Safety and Information Officer for this area) before departure and will notify him again upon arrival to Kamloops.
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> Karen Mohr will be on-site when Steve Cudbertson departs Quesnel.
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> The current safe route to Kamloops from Quesnel is as follows:
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> HWY 97 N to PG
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> HWY 16W to Tete Jaune Cache
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> HWY 5 to Kamloops
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> The only DRIVE BC Alerts on this route at this time is
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> Heavy Traffic Volume
> Highway 5 Both directions - Extraordinary load restriction on over weight/width commercial vehicles. Only Emergency Extraordinary loads permitted on Highway 5 at this time starting at junction with Highway 5 and 16 to the junction in Kamloops. All other extraordinary loads are advised to use an alternate route. "Extraordinary Loads" are loads that require special approval before a permit may be issued. That means loads exceeding 5.0 m wide, 4.88 m high, 40 m long or 85,000 kg GVW. Updated on Mon Jul 17 at 5:12 pm PDT. (ID# 249676)
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> Sincerely,
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> Karen Mohr |Area Supervisor|
> North Chilcotin|BC Parks|
>
> Karen.Mohr@gov.bc.ca
> Phone: 250-267-6132
>
> [Image result for BC Ministry of environment logo]
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> _____
> From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
> Sent: July-17-17 5:37 PM
> To: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Mohr, Karen ENV:EX; Cudbertson, Steve ENV:EX
> Cc: Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> Subject: Steve C. to Kamloops
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> The Incident Command Team is requesting Steve Cudbertson to return to Kamloops on Tuesday s.22
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> Volker has not requested a replacement at this time.
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> Travel should be done cautiously on open highways. Check Drive BC before your journey and please conduct check ins on Safetyline every 2 hours while travelling through this dangerous part of the province.
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> Thank you all,
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> Craig
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> Craig Baillie
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> Area Supervisor
> Western Mountains Area
> 250-371-6210
> Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca>
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From: Walsh, Stuart G ENV:EX
To: Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Phone Call: Scott from Unique Fire Safety - 1-855-836-5465
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:24:53 AM

Hi Jennie et al.
Here's the info that received on Smoke Filter Masks. This company also reached out to us earlier in the season on Fire Suppression equipment.
Any questions, or if you want me on the 10am call, please let me know.
Thanks,
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Stuart

From: Quin, Melissa ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Walsh, Stuart G ENV:EX
Cc: Quin, Melissa ENV:EX
Subject: Phone Call: Scott from Unique Fire Safety - 1-855-836-5465
Hi Stuart,
Scott would like to speak with someone regarding their Smoke Filter Masks for Park Rangers/Conservation Officers. Could you, or the appropriate person, please return his call?
Scott Kavanaugh – Unique Fire Safety
1-855-836-5465
scott@uniquefiresafety.com
http://uniquefiresafety.com/structural-firefighter-professional-smoke-filter-masks/
Thanks,
Melissa

Melissa Quin
Administrative Coordinator
BC Parks | Ministry of Environment
PH: 778.698.4286



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From: s.22
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: West Road / Blackwater River - fishing trip
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:21:22 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Thank you.
Also reached out to Olivia Pojar.

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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:20 AM
To: s.22
Subject: RE: West Road / Blackwater River - fishing trip

H s.22 conditions change, so suggest you monitor Drive BC site for road closures
http://drivebc.ca/mobile/events/index.html
Thanks
Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
PH: 250-371-6304
Cell: 250-371-1085

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From s.22
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: FW: West Road / Blackwater River - fishing trip

Jeff
I can only suspect how busy you are in BC with all of the fires but wondered if you can help me find someone that I can discuss whether or not there is access to the Blackwater river from Vanderhoof for a planned fishing trip next week?
Sounds like Kluskoil Lake park is closed too. ☹
Thanks in advance.

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From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Park Ranger Authority for staff communication
Date:	Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:35:29 AM
Attachments:	image001.png

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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Park Ranger Authority for staff communication

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Launa Murai
W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933

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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:14 AM
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Cc: Walsh, Stuart G ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: Park Ranger Authority for staff communication

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Thanks

Jeff

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:03 AM
To: 'mark.labossiere@rcmp-grc.gc.ca'
Subject: Park Ranger Authority for staff communication

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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RCMP rep
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:47:56 AM

Hey Jeff – who is the RCMP member you've been dealing with? And is that person in the Kamloops PREOC? I want to give their media person the right internal contacts.

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment
(250) 812-5747

From:	Walsh, Stuart G ENV:EX
To:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: air quality/smoke document
Date:	Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:57:59 AM
Attachments:	wildfire smoke info sheet .pdf

Here's an info sheet that PSA has put together on Wildfire Smoke – it will be posted to MyHR site shortly, but was provided to me directly so that we didn't have to wait for it to be posted to see it. It's more a general info document than BMP as PSA –OSH program hasn't developed anything to that level of detail.

I am continuing to follow up with other potential sources.

From: Cahill, Peter PSA:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Walsh, Stuart G ENV:EX
Subject: air quality/smoke document

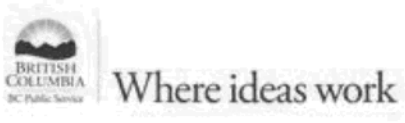
Hi Stuart,

As promised.

This is the generic info sheet the PSA created. It really doesn't act as an SOP for employees, rather it is a generic information document on hazards and basic prevention practices.

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Cc: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Park Ranger Authority for staff communication
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:08:42 AM

I have a call out to RCMP media relations as well

From: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Park Ranger Authority for staff communication
We didn't have RCMP on the 3:00 call yesterday so I will be raising on our 11:30 call.

Sent from my iPhone

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From:	Leslie Groulx
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Park Rangers - Peace Officers
Date:	Tuesday, July 18, 2017 2:00:59 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

This is perfect – we will put on our bulletin boards and website and fb

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1:47 PM
To: Leslie Groulx
Cc: Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject: Park Rangers - Peace Officers

Hi Leslie this has been posted on BC Parks website. Does this work?

Public Reminders:

- **BC Parks Rangers hold legislative authority to act as Peace Officers.**
- British Columbians and visitors are urged to follow the instructions of BC Parks Rangers, BC Wildfire Service officials, Conservation Officers, and other authorized personnel in the area.

http://wwwd.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/

Thanks

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From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Hurrell, Lara GCPE:EX
Subject:	FW: FW: Park Ranger Authority for staff communication
Date:	Tuesday, July 18, 2017 2:13:12 PM

FYI

From: Doug KOSKI [mailto:Douglas.Koski@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: FW: Park Ranger Authority for staff communication

Hi David. S/Sgt Linteau was able to speak about following the directions of Park Rangers in today's media briefing. If you hear of further issues feel free to let us know and we'll get the message out again.

Doug

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>>> "Crebo, David GCPE:EX" <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca> 2017/07/18 12:51 PM >>>

From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Dearmond, Wes ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Fire Analysis for Upper Seymour fires: K30956, 957, 958, 959
Date:	Tuesday, July 18, 2017 2:29:23 PM
Attachments:	image003.png image004.png image005.png Seymour River Fire Analysis Summary.docx image007.png image001.png image002.png

Hello All,

I spoke with Ryan Chapman on Sunday evening regarding the status of the 4 fires in Upper Seymour Park. These fires are in a remote area with difficult access and at a fairly high elevation (1000-1300m). Ryan was not particularly worried about the fires spreading and considering what is happening elsewhere I am totally satisfied with this assessment and their plan to monitor only at this time.

Craig

Craig Baillie

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Western Mountains Area
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Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca

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From: Chapman, Ryan W FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:15 AM
To: BCWS KFC Plans FLNR:EX
Cc: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; BCWS KFC Vernon ZWCO FLNR:EX; Pearce, Shane FLNR:EX
Subject: Fire Analysis for Upper Seymour fires: K30956, 957, 958, 959

Hello KFC Plans,

You can check draft Fire Analysis for K30956, 957, 958, 959 in the FA Folder:
\\fireline\s65001\!Publish\Duty_Room\KFC_Website_Do_Not_Move\Fire_Analysis\2017\K4

Craig, once some key staff at the fire centre have had a look - it will come your way for feedback and signature, however I have attached a word doc summary that reflects what we discussed over the phone. If you have any questions on the status of the fires, your best contact is the Vernon Zone (at either the ZWCO email above, or at (250)550-3400).

Ryan Chapman
Senior Wildfire Officer - Operations
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: 250 847-6611 | Cell: 250 643-0037
Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555

From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Cc: Poulin, Valerie ENV:EX
Subject: LDB Status
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 2:46:29 PM

Can one of you call s.22 regarding the status of Lac Du Bois. Concerned that it is still open, wants to know why.
Craig

From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Hurrell, Lara GCPE:EX
Subject:	RE: FW: Park Ranger Authority for staff communication
Date:	Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:16:10 PM

FYI - Snippets from today's media avail where Cpl Linteau mentioned the parks ranger issue. Once in her statement, and once in the QA. The reporter who asked was Shane Woodford from CHNL Kamloops, which has a large audinece; he has since mentioned this in some of his stories on 'NL

"…The other thing I'd like to talk about is the identification of park rangers who are with BC Parks. We've heard reports that some people in the Wells Gray area are not following the directions of BC Park rangers when being informed of fire evacuation orders in the park region. So we just want to advise the public that park rangers are working with the RCMP to help us issue the fire evacuation orders. So for public safety, we ask that people follow the directions of park rangers, and of course upon request, park rangers will identify themselves with their badge and ID card. We'll explain that they are acting on the direction of the RCMP, and so any questions, please contact your local RCMP if you have any concerns."

Q & A

Reporter: When you say that people are not abiding by park rangers' guidelines in Wells Gray, can we get specific on what they are doing? Are they lighting campfires, are they going where they shouldn't go, any idea exactly what's going on there?

Linteau: Just that park rangers are assisting us in advising the public of the evacuation orders, and it appears that they were not being recognized as such. So they're acting under the direction of the RCMP, so that's the message that we want to send across, is that they're acting under our direction and we ask the public to follow their guidelines and advice.

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To:	Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Respirator Program Responsibilities
Date:	Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:20:50 AM
Attachments:	fit testing.pptx WSBC Respirator Program Requirements.pdf

Further to my enquiry to Peter Cahill (PSA – Safety Specialist) yesterday he has provided some further information for BC Parks should we move to providing respirators to staff.
John: when you hear back from Todd at Wildfire, can you ask if they have developed a Respirator Program, and if so whether we can adopt their program if we are following their lead.
Thanks,
Stuart

From: Cahill, Peter PSA:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Walsh, Stuart G ENV:EX
Cc: Goetz, Peter ENV:EX
Subject: Respirator Program Responsibilities

Good morning gentlemen.
Should Parks wish to supply respirators to their staff working in and around the wild fires, they **MUST** develop a Respirator Program. This Program has many aspects to it and I have attached information that shows you what the legal obligations are and a general presentation on how to conduct fit testing.
The PSA will ensure you are in compliance with the Program requirements if that is the path you wish to follow however, the attachment s **do not** constitute a Program
Should you wish to move forward contact me and I can assist you in developing the Program.

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From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	"ps.bcpecc-cbpecc.sp@canada.ca"
Cc:	Gilliland, Jim ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	TC NASP Overflight
Date:	Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:14:11 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png

Hello,
If there are any flights flying over provincial parks affected by wildfire BC Parks would be very interested in any photos that could be taken provided there is no interference with the BC Wildfire Service operations.
Currently in the Thompson Section of BC Parks we have 2 parks affected by the Elephant Hill (Ashcroft) fire:
Elephant Hill Provincial Park – 50.755 / 121.298
Arrowstone Provincial Park – 50.879 / 121.271
Other Parks affected by fire:
Dunn Peak Protected Area – 51.488 / 120.153
Upper Seymour Provincial Park – 51.616 / 118.942
Parks Threatened by fires nearby:
Anstey Hunakwa Provincial Park– 51.115 / 118.950
Tum Tum Provincial Park– 51.626 / 119.177
Any photos taken in this area would be greatly appreciated.
Cheers,
Craig

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From: Gilliland, Jim ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:21 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Subject: FW: TC NASP overflight
Importance: High
Jeff, Al, and Volker, not sure where they are flying tomorrow the rep here didn't know but they can take pictures if flying over our parks. Are there any parks we'd really like to have this done for if they are flying in area? If so please provide location information to email address below or call them directly. For the flight tomorrow they want location info today so we aren't getting much notice, but maybe could be applicable for any future flights?
From: BCPECC / CBPECC (PS/SP) [mailto:ps.bcpecc-cbpecc.sp@canada.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Gilliland, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: TC NASP overflight
Hi Jim,
Here is the link to view photos from past days. If you have a request for photos for the flight tomorrow, please provide coordinates today. Thanks!
http://arcg.is/1b5WaC
PS LO – Kamlade
s.22

From: Leslie Groulx
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Today"s Wells Gray Fire Risk Map
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 3:28:06 PM

Wow – we are taking the order off east blackpool as we speak – then we will see what happens with alert…
Cheers
leslie

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 3:20 PM
To: Leslie Groulx
Subject: FW: Today's Wells Gray Fire Risk Map
Hi Leslie FYI

From:	Wells Gray Adventures
To:	"Stephanie Molina"; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; jharwood@docbc.ca; Shelley Sim
Subject:	Plan for operations during a high fire hazard
Date:	Thursday, July 20, 2017 3:49:30 PM
Attachments:	image001.png Fire Hazard Plan APPENDIX B.pdf High fire hazard plan 1.pdf

Hello,

We were asked to elaborate on Wells Gray Adventure's operations, access, evacuation routes, and capacity during high fire hazards. Therefore, we have attached a high fire hazard business plan.

It is a very quickly done document, but we are hoping that this plan gives some clarity as to the safety of Wells Gray Adventures' operations in Wells Gray Park.

Wells Gray Adventures has had 110 multiday bookings canceled as of today. If we are unable to give any assurances to our other customers by tomorrow, we will lose the bulk of our summer season. We have lost important contracts with both European and Japanese wholesalers that have taken years to cultivate.

Moreover, we do not have the resources to compensate everyone who was planning to come but can no longer join us due to the park closure. The unprecedented move to close the whole park, for over 12 days, has taken a toll on our business and livelihood like nothing else in our operational history.

This has been disastrous for us, as it has been for other park permit holders as well as the local accommodations and services that count on tourists.

If the only management tool available to us during a high fire hazard situation is a complete closure we will not have a tourism industry. Operators, wholesalers and FITS will not risk their holidays on our area.

We need to work together to make solid plans for ensuring public safety while mitigating the absolutely devastating impacts of a complete closure on our community.

Thanks so much for you consideration and help.

s.22

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From:	Leslie Groulx
To:	Planeta, Steve; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW:
Date:	Thursday, July 20, 2017 5:16:52 PM
Attachments:	Industry Bulletin Fire Danger Rating Increase.pdf

From: BCWS KFC Information Officer FLNR:EX
[mailto:BCWS.KFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 5:07 PM
Subject:

Hello,

Here is an industry information bulletin for stakeholders operating within the Kamloops Fire Centre. The PDF is attached and a text version is pasted below.

For Immediate Relsease
July 20, 2017

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Kamloops Fire Centre

Ongoing wildfire risk throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre

KAMLOOPS – Due to the current wildfire risk, the BC Wildfire Service is asking industry partners to continue exercising extreme caution when working in remote areas and to continue reporting wildfires when they are discovered.

The BC Wildfire Service appreciates the imput and contribution of the forest industry and other partners in detecting wildfires. In many cases, our industry partners are the first to discover and report wildfires in remote areas. This early detection is vital to fire suppression efforts and is even more important during times when the closure of many BC Parks, in combination with a province-wide campfire prohibition, has resulted in a decreased presence of members of the public in back-country areas.

When undertaking high-risk activities, please pay particular attention to the Fire Danger Rating in your area. Ensure you use the representative weather station data for the area in which you operate and adhere to the shutdown formulas outlined in the Wildfire Regulation Schedule 3: Restrictions on High Risk Activities.

This bulletin is provided for general information only and is not to be used for any form of operational planning or decisions. More information is available at www.bcwildfire.ca. To report a wildfire, please call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on cellular networks.

Contact: Jennifer Young
Senior Protection Officer – Prevention
250 554-5506

From:	Wells Gray Adventures
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; s.22
Subject:	Wells Gray Adventures
Date:	Friday, July 21, 2017 9:38:14 AM

Hello Jeff,

We got a full day and half of rain yesterday and it is close to freezing temperatures at night at all of our lodges. There is more rain on the horizon and the fire hazard has dropped. Unfortunately, the remote weather stations are not situated in places that give an accurate reading of the bio geoclimatic zone around our lodges. We had a above average snowfall this winter in the high country. We had one of the wettest years on record last year and we had the coldest spring in memory. The EESF bio geoclimatic zone near our lodges is very wet. We still have a lot of snow on north aspects.

So far this summer, we have lost over 1/3 of our bookings and there will be another round of cancellations coming today. If this goes on for much longer, we will not recover from the closure of Wells Gray Park. Our largest wholesaler cancelled all of their bookings a few days ago. Our Japanese agent is going to do that today unless we give them some encouraging news from BC Parks.

We would appreciate an idea from you about what your plan is for the immediate future. We need to have a better idea of what to expect in the next week or so.

Sincerely,

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From: Interior White Water Rafting
To: Gilliland, Jim ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Wells Gray Park Support
Date: Friday, July 21, 2017 10:33:03 AM

Thanks Jim and I look forward to speaking with Wendy.
s.22





From: Gilliland, Jim ENV:EX [mailto:Jim.Gilliland@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: July-20-17 4:04 PM
To: Interior White Water Rafting
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Wells Gray Park Support

Hi s.22 , Wendy is back on Monday and I'll have her contact you to ensure we're all collaborating on this. Wendy has extensive contacts in the tourism sector including Destination BC and entities like the Camping and RVing British Columbia Coalition that we can draw upon to help spread the word once the park re-opens. And of course we can use our BC Parks web site and social media to promote the park as well. Here's hoping for some good news on the fire front so we can get back to business up in Wells Gray!!! Cheers, Jim

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Gilliland, Jim ENV:EX
Cc: 'Interior White Water Rafting'
Subject: Wells Gray Park Support

Jim, this was a topic I brought up this morning on our call. I know Wendy has already been discussing some strategies here. Can you respond back to s.22 and the group on the work that has already been discussed.
Thanks
Jeff

From: Interior White Water Rafting [mailto:rafting@interiorwhitewater.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 3:10 PM
To: stephanie@wellsgray.ca
Cc: ceo@totabc.com; Milobar.MLA, Peter LASS:EX; jharwood@docbc.ca; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; cathy.mcleod.c1@parl.gc.ca; sgill@tnrd.ca; s.22 info@skihike.com; XT:Blackwell, Merlin ENV:IN; Haughton, Tod ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; info@wellsgraypark.info
Subject:

Hi Stephanie
Here is the attachment discussed last night-let me know where this goes.
s.22


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From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Backcountry and Park Closures
Date:	Friday, July 21, 2017 10:41:42 AM

Jeff – does this sound about right for a status update?

- Parks/protected areas, primarily in the Cariboo/Chilcotin, remain closed due to extreme wildfire hazard.
- Approximately 70 parks/protected areas are impacted. The full list is on the BC Parks website www.bcparks.ca
- The closures are necessary to ensure public safety.
- Conditions are being constantly monitored by BC Parks and BC Wildfire Service.
- When the wildfire hazard in impacted areas is reduced to a safe level, parks and protected areas will reopen.

From: Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 10:25 AM
To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX
Cc: Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Backcountry and Park Closures

Some issues from DM call for today's Prep:

- Backcountry closures and park opening updates
- Will needs some info / intel

Can FLNRO and Environment please provide ASAP? These are requested for an 11:30am briefing.

Thanks,

Jordan Turner
Communications Manager | Emergency Management BC
Government Communications and Public Engagement
Phone: (250) 952-5062 **Cell**: (250) 896-1928

From: Stephanie Molina
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: s.22
Subject: Follow-up on Phone Call
Date: Friday, July 21, 2017 12:18:48 PM
Attachments: AFA174FB-43E2-4FB3-9509-9CF39EEF6A64[12].png

Hello Jeff,

Thank you for the call this morning. I appreciate your time and for the opportunity to voice some of our thoughts and concerns regarding the closure.

I was wondering if you had any updates today re: the Wells Gray Park closure, or if you had any messaging you think might be useful to share with our tourism stakeholders.

Many thanks,
Stephanie

Stephanie Molina
Tourism Marketing Manager
Tourism Wells Gray
Website: www.wellsgray.ca
Phone: 1.250.674.3530 ext. 109



From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX
Subject:	Fwd: IB coming your way
Date:	Friday, July 21, 2017 1:21:23 PM
Attachments:	image002.png image003.png image004.png image005.png

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I'll forward WG draft IB as soon as I receive it.

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.
(250) 812-5747 (cell)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX" <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>
Date: July 21, 2017 at 1:14:07 PM PDT
To: "Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX" <Jody.Lucius@gov.bc.ca>, "Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX" <Thomas.Winterhoff@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Crebo, David GCPE:EX" <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>, "Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX" <Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: IB coming your way

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BC Wildfire Service
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From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Hurrell, Lara GCPE:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: IB coming your way
Date:	Friday, July 21, 2017 3:51:33 PM
Attachments:	20170721 - IB Wells Gray Park open.docx

Jeff – aside from the date mix up (it should be July 22nd throughout) does this look ok?

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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:49 PM
To: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Cc: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Birkner, Max FLNR:EX
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Cc: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
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To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: IB coming your way
Date:	Friday, July 21, 2017 3:55:01 PM
Attachments:	20170721 - IB Wells Gray Park open.docx

As you can see it's already been sent to GCPE but if you have any suggested edits let me know. AS per my voicemail the DM's will be chatting tonight at 6 pm and we will hold back at the office to send the IB if they endorse.

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Subject: FW: IB coming your way

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Great, thx.

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From:	Wells Gray Adventures
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Milobar.MLA, Peter LASS:EX; s.22 ; Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX
Subject:	FW: 4 Day Wells Gray Hike
Date:	Friday, July 21, 2017 4:18:28 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Hi Jeff,
In complete and utter frustration I am forwarding you an email that represents a small slice of my daily life for the past two weeks. My guests are upset and angry. They do not understand why on earth we are unable to be more informative on so large a topic as a complete park closure.
Wells Gray Adventures has worked all winter with these people to arrange their trips into the park. Our guests have booked vacations, transportation and rearranged their lives to be here. Wells Gray Adventures has updated chalets, maintained, cleaned, bought food, put vehicles on the road and hired guides. We have a lot riding on what happens in Wells Gray, but I can't even get one straight answer from you or anyone else in parks about what is going on. We call, we send emails and try in everyway to get more information and we get almost nothing. Considering the financial and emotional stress this situation is putting on the town of Clearwater, I think the tourism operators deserve more consideration from the stewards of a public resource.
Your arguments for keeping Wells Gray Park closed are made in a vacuum that does not include cooperation or communication with local operators that have been here for many years. As a result our town is watching the good reputation we have built, and the relationships they are based on, be trampled on.
Meanwhile, the mountain weather forecast says that it is below freezing at Trophy Chalet. Not exactly fire weather up there in the alpine.

s.22

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From:
Sent: July-21-17 2:53 PM
To: Wells Gray Adventures
Subject: Re: 4 Day Wells Gray Hike

Dear s.22

I am writing once again on behalf of our group — very frustrated with a lack of communication and updates from Wells Gray Adventures regarding our booked trek starting July 29. Since it appears that Wells Gray Park is still closed and the trek to Fight Meadows is not possible, our group is asking for a refund of monies paid in

reserving this trip.

We are BC-ers who live in alpine or sub-alpine areas and its was the Wells Gray experience we were after, therefore we are not interested in a substitute or a credit. We are a group and it will be pretty impossible to re-group at a future date.

I am requesting on behalf of our group communication and a decision from you. Thank you

s.22

Dear s.22

I am writing on behalf our group scheduled for July 29 Fight Meadow Hike. Can you let us know what you are doing for your guests? How the situation looks from your place? We are aware that Wells Gray Park remains closed and therefore are assuming the Hike as booked is not possible. Is that correct? Will you exercise your right to cancel due to weather? Please let us know.

We have before and after accommodations reserved and must let those people know. As well we need to know so we can plan our own lives. Look forward to hearing from you. Please let us know what is going on.

Many thanks
s.22

From:	Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: IB coming your way
Date:	Friday, July 21, 2017 4:52:19 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image007.png image008.png image009.png image010.png

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From: Birkner, Max FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: IB coming your way

Maximilian Birkner
Information Assistant, Kamloops Fire Centre
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From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Cc: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Birkner, Max FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: IB coming your way

Hi! This is on hold – park will not be re-opening this weekend. Situation to be reassessed on Monday.

Cheers,

Vivian

From: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Cc: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Birkner, Max FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: IB coming your way

Looks good to me, too.
Now we just need confirmation from our leadership team that the park will re-open tomorrow. We will get an update on that after 18:00 hrs. Max will be in touch once we know more. Please do not send it until Max confirms.
Thanks,
Jody

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Cc: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Birkner, Max FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: IB coming your way

Yes looks good thx Tom.

Dave Crebo
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On Jul 21, 2017, at 4:28 PM, Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX <Thomas.Winterhoff@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Dave and Jody,
Are you OK with the attached version? (Changes to date references, etc.)
Thanks,
Tom

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
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Cc: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Birkner, Max FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: IB coming your way
Approved by BCP.

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On Jul 21, 2017, at 4:02 PM, Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX <Thomas.Winterhoff@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Hi Jody,
> I'll fix the date in the version that I'll send back to you.
> Thanks,
> Tom
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> **From:** Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
> **Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 3:58 PM
> **To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
> **Cc:** Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Birkner, Max FLNR:EX
> **Subject:** RE: IB coming your way
> Good catch, David. Sorry about that.
> Jody
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> **From:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX
> **Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 3:55 PM
> **To:** Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
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> I'm just running it past BC Parks for a quick look. But I notice a mix up in the dates. Title says July 21st. Should be 22nd.
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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: Re: MLA meeting with operators today
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2017 11:02:01 AM

Thx Jeff. I'll defer to Jim re: your attendance. But I'd recommend that IF you go then FLNRO/WMB be there too.

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
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> On Jul 22, 2017, at 10:48 AM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Hi Dave, I just got a call informing me operators are meeting with MLA in Clearwater today.
>
> I haven't been formally invited but since I can go if that is what is required.
>
> Thanks
>
> Jeff Leahy
> Regional Director
> Thompson Cariboo Region
> BC Parks

From:	Wells Gray Adventures
To:	Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX
Cc:	Milobar.MLA, Peter LASS:EX; jharwood@docbc.ca; King, John ENV:EX; Merritt, Dave ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; "Stephanie Molina"; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Wells Gray Park Closure
Date:	Saturday, July 22, 2017 9:16:37 PM
Attachments:	Park Closure to the minister FINAL. docx.pdf

Tourism Stakeholders

Clearwater, BC

July 21, 2017

The Honourable Lisa Beare M.L.A

Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture

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The Honourable George Heyman M.L.A

Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

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Dear Ministers;

The families and businesses involved in the tourism sector in the Clearwater/Wells Gray region are suffering the loss of their livelihoods and need your help. It has been fourteen days since BC Parks closed Wells Gray Park completely. This was done without consultation or prior notice; all visitors were removed from the park despite the fact there were no fires within 40 km of the park boundary or anywhere inside the park's 1.4 million acres. Stakeholders in the Tourism Industry were shocked by this drastic and overreaching reaction and are still waiting for dialogue, consultation and compromise.

We must conclude that BC Parks and the Ministry of Forests does not understand the impact this closure has on the tourism industry. Tourism provides over 30 million dollars to the local economy every year. After months of administration, marketing, infrastructure investment and maintenance, almost all of the income from these efforts is generated during the 15 week summer season. The financial loss to the community because of this shut down is in the millions.

However, this isn't the most significant cost. The loss of reputation and future business is incalculable. Wholesalers and agents from all over the world are calling our area a poor risk for business. We have shown that we will act with no regard for the visitors that we have invited, or the businesses that were expecting them.

Wells Gray Country has faced fire situations before. During these situations, BC Parks communicated with and engaged qualified industry stakeholders to help manage visitation to the park safely. This is the first time that Wells Gray Park has ever been closed completely. Currently more resources are being spent on keeping the park closed than would be needed to administer a limited opening with stakeholder cooperation. If a complete closure of the park with no meaningful consultation is the only tool in our management box, our province can't hope to continue to build the tourism Industry that we have spent so much money to promote.

Businesses in the Wells Gray area are dying. Cancellations continue and the complete closure of the park has caused rumours and negative messaging that have spread out of control.

Fire hazard is the reality of operating in the interior. If the province is to reap the benefit from the money spent marketing tourism to the world, we must find ways other than a complete closure - especially in areas with no fires - to manage visitor safety. We need land management that utilizes local resources and knowledge to ensure public safety while mitigating the incredibly detrimental affects that broad, overreaching decisions have on the livelihoods of the people who work in the tourism industry and the economies of the towns that they live in.

Attached to this letter you will find a list of stakeholders whose livelihoods have been, and will continue to be, deeply effected by a continued closure of Wells Gray Park.

We await your earliest response to our concerns. Thank you for your time and attention.

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	The Old Caboose Restaurant The Clearwater Country Inn and RV Park	info@oldcaboose.com
	Nakiska Ranch	nakiska@nakiskaranch.com
	Watauga Village Cabins and Motel	s.22
	The Jasper Way Motel	
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	Helmcken Falls Lodge	info@helckemfalls.com
	Wells Gray Guest Ranch BC Backcountry Adventures Ltd	reservations@wellsgrayranch.com info@bcbackcountryadventures.com
	Clearwater Lake Tours	info@clearwaterlaketours.com
	Across the Creek Cabins	info@acrossthecreekcabins.com
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	Alpine Meadows Resort	gm@alpinemeadowsresort.com
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	The Kicking Horse B&B	s.22
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From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; MacDonald, Rob V ENV:EX
Subject:	Fwd: FINALS: Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park closure to take effect immediately
Date:	Saturday, July 22, 2017 10:18:54 PM
Attachments:	2017FLNR0180-001337.pdf ATT00001.htm

FYI - FLNRO IB re: closure is out this evening

Dave Crebo
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For Immediate Release
2017FLNR0180-001337
July 22, 2017

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
BC Wildfire Service

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park closure to take effect immediately

CASTLEGAR - In an effort to protect public safety, BC Parks, in co-ordination with the BC Wildfire Service, will close Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park to inbound traffic effective immediately.

The closure will remain in effect until further notice.

BC Wildfire Service resources are actively engaged with a 4,126-hecatre wildfire burning in Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park and, to ensure the safety of the public, this closure is necessary. Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park is a high-alpine backcountry park accessible only by hiking trails, which would make an evacuation of the area difficult if it were needed. This proactive measure will enable a safe and orderly exit of the public from the area.

For more information about the closure, please visit the BC Parks website: www.bcparks.ca

The Southeast Fire Centre extends from the U.S. border in the south to the Mica Dam in the north and from the Okanagan Highlands and Monashee Mountains in the west, to the B.C.-Alberta border in the east. The Southeast Fire Centre includes the Selkirk Natural Resource District and the Rocky Mountain Natural Resource District.

To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call *5555 on a cellphone or 1 800 663-5555 toll-free. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning

restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

You can also follow the latest wildfire news:

* On Twitter: http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo

* On Facebook: http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo

Contacts:

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Ministry of Environment
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Karlie Shaughnessy
Fire Information Officer
BC Wildfire Service
Southeast Fire Centre
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From: Clearwater Lake Tours
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Park Closer
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2017 8:31:19 AM

Hi Jeff, Rumors are the park may open soon. We have pre-bookings and if po0ssible would love an advance notice so we can try to get enough employees to cover the activities. Thanks for your time. Cheers s.22

From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: Big Creek exemption
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2017 11:08:21 AM
Attachments: image001.png
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Jeff,

This decision is totally yours but one thought since this is such a unique circumstance would be to allow only guided tours that immediately traverse into SCM. Guided only, regardless if the clients are paying for that service. Perhaps the guide would need to be S-100 certified and carry a couple communication devices for safety. No overnights, no travel further into Big Creek. Other provisions could be considered too. Just a thought to get us out of this awkward battle that is starting to go political.

So you are aware:
Lorna Lake is in the very South of Big Creek
Hikers could be back into SCM within about 1.5hrs of hiking
The area in question is indeed at a high elevation with reduced threats.
The trail over Lorna Pass is sub alpine leading to alpine.

Any option you decide I will support your decision publicly and in any phone conversations with park stakeholders in the future.

Cheers
Craig

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Debbie Demare' s.22
> **Date:** July 22, 2017 at 8:34:54 AM PDT
> **To:** "'Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX'" <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>, ' s.22 .
> **Cc:** "'Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX'" <Volker.Michelfelder@gov.bc.ca>, "'Hughes, Tom ENV:EX'" <Tom.Hughes@gov.bc.ca>, "'Baillie, Craig ENV:EX'" <Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca>, "'Pilon, Lori R LASS:EX'" <Lori.Pilon@leg.bc.ca>, "'Tegart.MLA, Jackie LASS:EX'" <Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>, "'Crebo, David GCPE:EX'" <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>
> **Subject: RE: Big Creek exemption**
>
> Mr. Leahy,
> Thank you for your prompt response to s.22
> As an local government elected official I understand emergency planning and operations. These have been very difficult and unprecedented conditions. The emergency planning of the province and the Cariboo Regional District and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District have been actioned and kept people, property and our special places such as parks as safe as possible.
> I would respectfully suggest though that re-evaluating the various emergency restrictions at the right time is very important and for sure, as much art as science. It is important to ensure continued public respect for the process actually being evaluated appropriately to protect their safety.
> I am observing generally that:
> <!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->The fires in Chilcotin/Cariboo appear to be more and more in some form of containment and at least not spreading voraciously as they were a week ago
> <!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Evacuation orders are gradually being rescinded and turned into alerts
> <!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Weather has been cooler and humidity is increased
> Specifically as it relates to the very south end of Big Creek park that abuts with the South Chilcotin Park:
> <!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]--> Weather stations in the vicinity are currently reading 2- which is LOW danger, with a forecast for the next few days of 2 or 3.
> <!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Weather in the area for the last 3 days has been very cool, cloudy with rain showers.
> <!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Elevation of 6300 ft plus automatically precludes and diminishes fire

hazard with ongoing cooler temperatures at night (often freezing overnight in July).

<!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->Most public and Tyax Adventure clients are accessing this southern tip of Big Creek Park are doing so either from/going back to the South Chilcotin Mtn Park.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->The Tyax Adventures operator is definitely eyes on the ground, well equipped with communications, tools and training to spot any fire very early.

I respectfully suggest that it is the right time to generally revaluate the "blanket" type restrictions and to assess partial re-openings as soon as possible of specific locations with unique situations geographically and otherwise such as this.

Thank you for your specific attention to this matter as soon as possible.

Debbie Demare

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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: July 21, 2017 7:11 PM
To: s.22
Cc: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX <Volker.Michelfelder@gov.bc.ca>; Hughes, Tom ENV:EX <Tom.Hughes@gov.bc.ca>; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX <Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca>; Pilon, Lori R LASS:EX <Lori.Pilon@leg.bc.ca>; Tegart.MLA, Jackie LASS:EX <Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Deb Demare s.22 ; Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Big Creek exemption

Thank you s.2 for your email. I also appreciate the support in getting our Rangers out of the backcountry.

Big Creek Park has seen Extreme Danger ratings over the past couple weeks and the Province remains in a State of Emergency. At this time all Parks as well as Recreation Sites and Trails are closed to the public in the Cariboo Fire Centre.

As I mentioned in our previous call, I continue to monitor the situation on a daily basis. I will let you know if the status of the park changes and will post on BC Parks web site.

Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
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From: s.22
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Pilon, Lori R LASS:EX; Tegart.MLA, Jackie LASS:EX; Deb Demare
Subject: Re: Big Creek exemption

Hello Jeff,

Thank you for taking time yesterday to chat about the protocol around the Big Creek Park's current closure and specifically the concern over public safety and access / evacuation issues.

It is understandable that Wildfire BC had recommended closure of Big Creek Park due to the current fires surrounding Hwy 20 to the north. Closure of Hwy 20 would certainly constrain access / evacuation of the North end of Big Creek Park. To clarify, our clients enter and exit Big Creek Park from the south and only use the extreme southern portion. This southern portion has **not** been within an extreme fire danger rating this season and the current rating is moderate with more rain in the forecast.

Tyax Adventures has significant communication and transportation resources to allow us to safely use our current operation area in the south end of Big Creek Park and SCM Park. Including early reporting of any future wildfires and potential necessary evacuation. I believe we demonstrated this quite well last week, when immediately upon BC Parks request, we had a TA staff members track down your staff and fly them out of SCM Park in short order.

In light of the fire hazard continuing to drop in our area, I request that consideration is once again made for us to use the southern portion of Big Creek Park as the daily cancellation of business is unnecessary.

Will you contact the necessary people and make this request for us please?

Thank you.

s.22

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On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 6:22 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
Hi s.22
The Province is currently in a State of Emergency. Big Creek is closed due to the extreme fire hazard for the area. Extreme fire hazard suggests there are extremely dry fuels and the fire hazard is very serious.
At this time I am not making any exemptions to park closures.
I understand this is a challenging time for all and appreciate your understanding.
Thanks
Jeff Leahy
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> **From** s.22
> **Date:** July 11, 2017 at 9:45:43 PM PDT
> **To:** "Hughes, Tom ENV:EX" <tom.hughes@gov.bc.ca>
> **Cc:** "Baillie, Craig ENV:EX" <Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca>
> **Subject: Big Creek exemption**
>
> Hi Tom,
>
> I would like to add a couple of items to our request for an exemption to the parks closure. Firstly, we have retained an instructor and starting tomorrow our staff will begin a S100 Fire suppression and safety course. We have also upgraded our camp fire suppression equipment to include piss cans.

Secondly, one of our staff members who had traveled through the area in question last week is s.22
s.22 offers the following appraisal of the south end of Big Creek Park;

Hi, s.22

As discussed, I travelled from Lorna Lake, down Big Creek trail and looped around, through Graveyard Valley and Elbow Pass, into South Chilcotin Mountains Park last weekend.

The Big Creek Park trails I travelled where wet and muddy, considerably more so than the areas in SMC Park, to the south. In both cases, the fire hazard, in my opinion, was moderate.

I appreciate all the issues and extremes of temperature and humidity being experienced in the Cariboo/Chilcotin regions and the strains the current fire are placing on resources. It's no surprise that BC Parks wants to limit having additional fire starts add to the problem. That said, I think there is a case to be made that the high elevation area of Lorna Lake and the high valley of Graveyard are not as high risk as the lower elevation areas nearer to Hanceville.

Regards,

s.22
Fire Chief
s.22

Looking forward to discussing this with you further as soon as possible, we have staff that are wondering if they have a job and clients traveling from all corners of the globe to be with us.

Thanks

s.22

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From: Merlin
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Are you in Clearwater today
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2017 12:49:58 PM

Sure. Call me wh n you arrive. I'm 5 away

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> On Jul 23, 2017, at 11:15 AM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> Thanks on way up in 15. Do you want to meet at North Thompson or District office?
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> Jeff Leahy
> Regional Director
> Thompson Cariboo Region
> BC Parks
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> On Jul 23, 2017, at 10:46 AM, Merlin Blackwell
s.22 -> wrote:
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> yes
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> On Sun, Jul 23, 2017 at 10:08 AM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
<Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>> wrote:
> Hi Merlin - are you in Clearwater today?
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From: s.22
To: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Bowron
Date: Monday, July 24, 2017 10:13:38 AM

Hi Mike
Here is part of an email from s.22 at the Bowron.
"Just checking in. All is well. Had a big rainstorm last night and it's just pissing down now. Hopefully we'll be opening soon. "
Bowron has had far more rain than lower/mid Cariboo.
Although Bowron is a bit more complex to open, it would sure be nice to open some parks.
Thanks
s.22

From:	Leslie Groulx
To:	MacKenzie, Sandy A FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Rescind for District of Clearwater - partial
Date:	Monday, July 24, 2017 10:33:34 AM
Attachments:	Rescind Alert partial of Disstrict of Clearwater.pdf

Hi Sandy and Jeff

Please find the notice of partial rescind of our alert for District of Clearwater except for the nth side of the river – those properties on Dunn lake road that are in the District. All the rest of the community comes off. The TNRD will also be taking Upper Clearwater and Blackpool on the south side of the river off. They should have posted on website by now if not shortly.

Cheers

Leslie

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From:	Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: IB coming your way
Date:	Monday, July 24, 2017 2:10:44 PM
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From: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: IB coming your way

From: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Cc: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Birkner, Max FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: IB coming your way

Hi, Tom.
Attached is the draft IB. Please review and let Max and I know if you have any suggested changes.
I'm headed to a community meeting this afternoon and won't be available after about 16:30. Max will be your contact after that.
We are still waiting to confirm if this will go out tonight. However, we anticipate being asked to send it out quickly if it goes ahead so we'd like to be ready.
It will go to the same distribution list as the closure IB, but I don't have confirmation of who was on that list. If I recall correctly, Vivian finalized the list on our behalf.
Thank you,
Jody

From: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 1:24 PM
To: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
Cc: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: IB coming your way

Thanks, Jody. The sooner the better please, since it take a long time to get IBs through approvals now.

Cheers,

Tom

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: IB coming your way

Great, thx.

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On Jul 21, 2017, at 1:14 PM, Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Looping in MOE GCPE
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> **From:** Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
> **Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 1:14 PM
> **To:** Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
> **Cc:** Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX

Subject: IB coming your way

Hi, Tom.

I'm working on an IB related to Wells Gray and we're hoping to send it out this afternoon. It'll be coordinated with BC Parks – just like the last one related to the Park. As soon as I have a draft for you, I'll send it over. I anticipate it'll be a couple hours yet but wanted to give you the heads up since I know you've got a ton of stuff on your plate.

Thanks,

Jody Lucius
Communications Specialist, Kamloops Fire Centre
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From:	Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
To:	Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: 20170721 - IB Wells Gray Park open
Date:	Monday, July 24, 2017 2:37:06 PM
Attachments:	20170721 - IB Wells Gray Park open.docx

Jodi,

Can you please work on getting this IB through GCPE with revised dates. Can you ask Crebo to provide Jeff with their distribution list. Any questions, please let me know. Thx

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: 20170721 - IB Wells Gray Park open

Just date change works. Can I see distribution list

Thanks

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: FW: MLA Milobar - Wells Gray
Date: Monday, July 24, 2017 3:15:28 PM

FYI Jeff – Mayor of Clearwater already has the news re: WG reopening.

From: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc: TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: MLA Milobar - Wells Gray
It's done - don't bother

Matt Gordon
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On Jul 24, 2017, at 2:19 PM, Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> BCP will connect with mayor
>
> **From:** Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
> **Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 2:14 PM
> **To:** TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
> **Cc:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
> **Subject:** Re: MLA Milobar - Wells Gray
> Can he call the Mayor of Clearwater, John Harwood - same ask - why can't we open.
> The Mayor can be reached at s.22
>
> **Matt Gordon**
> Corporate Executive Lead
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> On Jul 24, 2017, at 2:12 PM, TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX <pecc.lia1@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> > NICE.
> > **Jeff Groot**

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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
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Cc: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: MLA Milobar - Wells Gray

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JG
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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: MLA Milobar - Wells Gray
Date: Monday, July 24, 2017 3:19:32 PM

Definitely.

That said, can we put the IB out now, given he already knows?

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: MLA Milobar - Wells Gray

Meeting with him 4:30. I owe him

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

On Jul 24, 2017, at 3:15 PM, Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> FYI Jeff – Mayor of Clearwater already has the news re: WG reopening.
>
> **From:** Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
> **Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 2:26 PM
> **To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX
> **Cc:** TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
> **Subject:** Re: MLA Milobar - Wells Gray
>
> It's done - don't bother
>
> **Matt Gordon**
> Corporate Executive Lead
> Joint Information Centre,
> Emergency Management BC
> Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure
> Government of British Columbia
> 250.896.4923
> Sent from my iPhone
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> >
> > Can he call the Mayor of Clearwater, John Harwood - same ask - why can't we open. The Mayor can be reached at s.22
> >
> > **Matt Gordon**

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From:	Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
To:	ENV PPA PFOs; ENV PPA Regional Directors; ENV PPA Section Heads ONLY; ENV PPA RSO
Cc:	Rikley, Christine ENV:EX; Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX; ENV PPA HQ Victoria; Bugslag, Gina ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX; Walsh, Stuart G ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Little, Andrew JTST:EX; Mattock, Amber JTST:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Crooks, John FLNR:EX
Subject:	FW: BC Parks - Air Quality Refund and Wells Grey Park re-opening
Date:	Monday, July 24, 2017 4:24:03 PM

Hello All:

The following information has been approved by BC Parks Executive for release. **The intent of this information is to be shared directly with the public, Reception Centres and logistics for volunteers/responders emergency housing.**

AIR QUALITY REFUND:

As of July 24th B.C.'s Air Quality Health Index shows significantly improved air quality in areas of the province previously affected by wildfires - effective immediately (July 24th), BC Parks will no longer process refunds due to poor air quality caused by the wildfires. The air quality situation is monitored regularly. Should air quality deteriorate to unsafe levels as a result of wildfires, the temporary refund policy may be reinstated

Note for park visitors:

The air quality situation is monitored regularly as air quality is highly transient and unpredictable. Campers are advised to check the Air Quality Health Index (can be found under Important Links below) for the latest air quality information.

The BC CDC website:

http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/health-your-environment/air-quality

The Ministry of Environment provides day-to-day conditions and advisories:

http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/air/air-quality/air-advisories

Daily Air Quality Health Index:

http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/readings/aqhi-table.xml

WELLS GRAY PARK OPEN:

Wells Gray Provincial Park will re-open to the public as of 7 a.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, July 25, 2017. Please see link:

https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017ENV0041-001343

If you have any questions about this information, or how it can be used, please let us know.

Angus Carnie
PECC – Tourism Branch: BC Parks
250 889-2020

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: IB Kamloops FC - Wells Gray Provincial Park to re-open Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Date: Monday, July 24, 2017 5:02:50 PM

Yeah, that clearly went early. Sorry.

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.
(250) 812-5747 (cell)

> On Jul 24, 2017, at 4:25 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> ???
>
> Jeff Leahy
> Regional Director
> Thompson Cariboo Region
> BC Parks
>
> Begin forwarded message:
>
> From: "BCWS KFC Information Officer FLNR:EX"
<BCWS.KFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca<mailto:BCWS.KFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca>>
> Subject: IB Kamloops FC - Wells Gray Provincial Park to re-open Tuesday, July 25, 2017
>
> Attached and below is an information bulletin regarding Wells Gray Provincial Park.
>
>
>
> For Immediate Release
> 2017ENV0041-001343
> July 24, 2017
>
> Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development BC Wildfire Service
>
> INFORMATION BULLETIN
> Wells Gray Provincial Park to re-open Tuesday, July 25, 2017
>
> KAMLOOPS - As a result of recent precipitation, cooler temperatures and a moderate fire danger rating in northern portions of the Kamloops Fire Centre, BC Parks - in consultation with the BC Wildfire Service - will re-open Wells Gray Provincial Park to public use as of 7 a.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.
>
> The public will once again be able to use North Thompson Park, as well as recreation trails and sites within Wells Gray Provincial Park.
>
> Wildfires are dynamic and circumstances may change quickly. BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service will continue to assess the situation to help protect public safety. Should the need arise, additional provincial park closures may be enacted throughout the summer.
>
> BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service ask the public for their continued vigilance in preventing human-caused wildfires and reporting wildfires. To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call *5555 on a cellphone or 1 800

663-5555 toll-free.
>
> A province-wide campfire ban remains in effect across B.C. For details, please visit: www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans<http://www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans>
>
> For more information about Wells Gray Provincial Park, please visit the BC Parks website at: www.bcparks.ca<http://www.bcparks.ca>
>
> For the latest information on wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, please visit the BC Wildfire Service website at: www.bcwildfire.ca<http://www.bcwildfire.ca>
>
> You can also follow the latest wildfire news:
>
> * on Twitter at: http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo
>
> * on Facebook at: http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo
>
> Contacts:
>
> Media Relations
> Ministry of Environment
> 250 953-3834
>
> Fire Information
> Kamloops Fire Centre
> 250 554-5965
>
>
> Connect with the Province of B.C. at: www.gov.bc.ca/connect<http://www.gov.bc.ca/connect>
> <2017ENV0041-001343.pdf>

From: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: CANCELLATION DUE TO WILDFIRES
Date: Monday, July 24, 2017 6:31:07 PM

Hi Jeff:

I've asked Leah to look into this and provided her with admin support to help.

Cheers,

Angus

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX" <Angus.Carnie@gov.bc.ca>
> **Date:** July 24, 2017 at 6:29:44 PM PDT
> **To:** "Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX" <Leah.Wilcock@gov.bc.ca>
> **Subject: Fwd: CANCELLATION DUE TO WILDFIRES**
>
> Hi Leah:
>
> Can you manage this for us? Please ask Christina for support if you need some.
>
> Cheers,
>
> Angus
>
> Begin forwarded message:
>
> > **From:** "Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX" <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>
> > **Date:** July 24, 2017 at 4:41:21 PM PDT
> > **To:** "Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX" <Angus.Carnie@gov.bc.ca>
> > **Subject: Fwd: CANCELLATION DUE TO WILDFIRES**
> >
> > Hi Angus, can I get help with this one please and cc me on response.
> >
> > Thanks
> >
> > Jeff Leahy
> > Regional Director
> > Thompson Cariboo Region
> > BC Parks
> >
> > Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22
s.22

Date: July 24, 2017 at 4:14:11 PM PDT
To: "LEAHY, JEFF" <jeff.leahy@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: CANCELLATION DUE TO WILDFIRES

Jeff ... just wanted you to know how difficult your third party reservation call center is to deal with 1-800-689-9025 is the number I called in Ontario ... what a joke!

I have called so many times trying to receive a refund due to the BC wildfires ... these young people have no idea of how serious there fires really are. Finally I forced the one girl to give me a supervisor and his name is s.22 and he finally gave me a partial refund but not for the total $24.30 for one night ... he gave me $11.70 and I still have $12.60 to come to equal $24.30.

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LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU ...

THANKS SO MUCH ... MUCH APPRECIATED ...

s.22

From:	Discover Camping ENV:EX
To:	s.22
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	CANCELLATION DUE TO WILDFIRES
Date:	Monday, July 24, 2017 7:30:26 PM

Hello s.22

Thank you for your email regarding the Discover Camping Reservation Service. We appreciate you sharing your feedback and are sorry to hear that you did not feel the service responded to your needs.

BC Parks took the unprecedented step to close over 60 parks by Order of the Regional Director due to the BC wildfires that have occurred this month. The parks affected can be found here - http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/ These parks were deemed to be at most risk, and so as the parks were closed to the general public, Discover Camping processed automatic refunds for all affected customers. We continue to assess these closures on a weekly basis in order to minimize the impact on customer's potential holiday plans and on the Park Operators operations. The latest update we made was to extend these automatic refunds until July 26. Parks which were not officially closed, but were affected by closed roads or poor air quality were not automatically refunded but visitors were offered a refund if they deemed that to be their safest choice. Again, we extended this policy to be in line with the closed parks until July 26.

While I understand you may have wanted to cancel further ahead of time for a date beyond this, we cannot reasonably cancel all reservations for the foreseeable future. The call centre is acting on BC Parks' instruction, and as or when all agencies involved in this provincial emergency have deemed it appropriate to extend closures, BC Parks will act accordingly.

You are welcome to submit a refund request form online here - http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/reserve/dc_refund_guidelines.html. If BC Parks extends the closures beyond July 26, or the route to the park you reserved is still deemed to be unaccessible by your arrival date, we will happily process the remaining refund for you.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Leah and The Discover Camping Team

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Date: July 24, 2017 at 4:14:11 PM PDT
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To:	Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
Cc:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN
Subject:	Re: North Thompson PP
Date:	Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:48:17 PM

Hi Mike:

One day I'll be familiar with all the park names

Murtle's part of Wells Gray so it looks like that one's covered already

Cheers

Ashlin

On Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 1:44 PM, Rowden, Mike ENV:EX <Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Hi Ashlin:
>
> Murtle's open today too. So we probably don't have to bother with my web update request from this morning.
>
> Thanks, Mike
>
> Mike Rowden
> Recreation Services Officer
> BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service
> Thompson-Cariboo Region/Thompson Section
> 1259 Dalhousie Drive
> Kamloops BC V2C 5Z5
>
> Ph: (250) 371-6215
> Mike.rowden@gov.bc.caMike.rowden@gov.bc.ca>
>
> "Stress is hereditary..I get it from my children!"
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> From: Ashlin Richardson [mailto s.22
> Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:25 PM
> To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
> Cc: Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN
> Subject: Re: North Thompson PP
>
> Hi Launa and Wendy,
>
> Hearing that we're to expect instructions for web updates re: reopening of Myrtle Lake

I.e., sometime today ahead of an AM opening for tomorrow

P.S., All-- FYI North Thompson and Wells Gray are now listed as open incl. e.g., at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/

Thanks,

Ashlin Richardson

Contractor to FLNR and ENV

Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints, kill nothing but time, defy nothing but gravity, say nothing but thank you

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On Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 12:58 PM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca>> wrote:
The DO's have been coming to me to manage - and I have been forwarding to Ashlin and Shane. Will keep Leah in the loop from now on.

Thanks.

Launa Murai
W) 778-698-4289778-698-4289> C) 250-208-5933250-208-5933>

From: Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 12:14 PM
To: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: RE: North Thompson PP

Hi Mike - FYI Leah is helping to coordinate the web updates including the notice re: Myrtle Lake opening tomorrow.
Cheers
Wendy

From: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:17 AM
To: Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Subject: North Thompson PP

Hi Tammy or Rob:

Please be advised that North Thompson Provincial Park is now open as well as Wells Gray. Therefore you can move this park over to the re-opened site and adjust the web page accordingly. The rescinding order will be coming soon from the Regional Director.

Thanks, Mike

Mike Rowden
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Subject:	Re: URGENT - WEB Posting - Mount Assiniboine
Date:	Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:20:24 PM

Hi Launa,

In the future (saw from email that Rob's got lots of reorganization plansson the go) would Mt. Assiniboine be listed in two sections?

Willstart by posting the map

Since the park is listed as one component, after updating should this park be listed under:

"Parks closed due to extreme wildfire hazard " or "Parks re-opened for recreational use ", or both?

Thanks in adv. for your clarification
Cheers

Ashlin

On Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 2:55 PM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Ashlin, awaiting the IB, however, attached is the map of the closure to ensure the public are aware of the closure area.
>
> Launa Murai
> W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933
>
> From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
> Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:29 PM
> To: XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
> Cc: Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN
> Subject: Mount Assiniboine
> Importance: High
>
> Ashlin, need the web updated asap, please. Decision made reopen most of the South End of Mount Assiniboine - however - the North end remains closed.
>
> FLNRORD will provide an updated IB that we will need to post on the web and it will include a map of the closure area to ensure the public is aware of the boundaries of closure.
>
> Thanks.

From:	Ashlin Richardson
To:	Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX; XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
Cc:	Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX
Subject:	Re: Wells Gray reopening
Date:	Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:49:07 PM

Hey Rob

Excellent

Great minds think alike

Happy to document in support of your plan

Feeling like am in the right place

Cheers

Ashlin

On Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 3:10 PM, Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX <Robert.Fiddler@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Hi Ash, thanks for bringing this up. This is actually in progress - it's part of my park inventory project which I have been working on and have discussed with Wendy.
>
> I've been working on upgrading the organization, compilation, and structure of all of this to improve clarity and consistency. This includes the park index which the public use to find parks, and also the build of the individual park pages. Another portion of this is to improve availability of all data associated with the parks for both the public and for BC Parks staff.
>
> The "sub-parks" are actually referred to as sites, but they weren't previously defined and clarified well enough on the site. I've been working on this; it's included in my plan.
>
> Thanks
>
> Rob
>
> _____
> From: Ashlin Richardson <s.22
> Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:31 AM
> To: Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
> Cc: XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; Farrell, Laura GCPE:EX
> Subject: Re: Wells Gray reopening

Hi Wendy

Thank you for the message

Welcome back

Cheers

Ashlin

On Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 6:40 AM, Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX <Wendy.Magnes@gov.bc.ca< mailto:Wendy.Magnes@gov.bc.ca>> wrote:
Thank you Ashlyn and Ryan for all of your help in the last while and Ashlyn for the changes to the Wells Gray pages specifically.
I will be returning to the office today after being away since July 9th assisting with the wildfire response and will gladly connect with you on the points raised.
Cheers
Wendy

Wendy Magnes
Acting Manager, Visitor Services and Community Engagement
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BC Parks has recently launched new speciality plates!Get your BC Parks licence plate today<http://www.icbc.com/vehicle-registration/licence-plates/Pages/bc-parks-plates.aspx>.

On Jul 25, 2017, at 12:55 AM, Ashlin Richardson s.22 < mailto s.22
s.22 wrote:

Hi Wendy, Leah et al

1. Wells Gray now removed from the "parks closed due to extreme wildfire hazard" list at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/

2. Added to the list "parks reopened for recreational use" at 1. with a link to http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_gry/

3. 'Closed' icon next to Wells Gray no longer appears at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parks/#W

4. Wells Gray removed from "parks closed due to extreme wildfire hazard" at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/campfire_bans.html

5. Wells Gray added to the "parks reopened for recreational use" list at 4.

6. The update
June 24, 2017: Park reopening on June 25, 2017 at 7am As a result of recent precipitation, cooler temperatures and a moderate fire danger rating in northern portions of the Kamloops Fire Centre, BC Parks - in consultation with the BC Wildfire Service - will re-open Wells Gray Provincial Park to public use as of 7 a.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.
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Sorry, missed one thing.

On the Wells Gray park page(http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_ gry/), please remove the notice stating the park is closed. Please update to read:

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As a result of recent precipitation, cooler temperatures and a moderate fire danger rating in northern portions of the Kamloops Fire Centre, BC Parks - in consultation with the BC Wildfire Service - will re-open Wells Gray Provincial Park to public use as of 7 a.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

Thanks!

Leah

From: Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN; Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX
Cc: Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Subject: Wells Gray reopening

Hi Shane,

Wells Gray park is reopening tomorrow so we have a few updates for the BC Parks website:

1. On the main homepage (http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/), under "parks closed due to extreme wildfire hazard" please remove Wells Gray from the list.

2. On the main homepage, under "parks reopened for recreational use" please add Wells Gray with a hyperlink to the Wells Gray park page (http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/ bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_gry/)

3. Under the alphabetical parks listing, please remove the 'closed' icon next to the listing for Wells Gray

Thank you!!

Leah

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Subject:	FW: BC Park Lack of Information to Service Providers and Visitors.
Date:	Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:06:36 PM

Hello Folks:

Andrew makes an worthwhile suggestion regarding our communication. Do we have drafted statements anywhere that give more detail about what factors we consider, who we consult, where public safety comes into play when we make park closure or re-open decisions? Do you think we should provide detail beyond "Closed".

Cheers,

Angus

-----Original Message-----
From: Beck, Adrienne JTST:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Little, Andrew JTST:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Subject: RE: BC Park Lack of Information to Service Providers and Visitors.

Thanks again Andrew! Angus, depending how many more of these that come my way, I may start forwarding them directly to you or is there a generic email or website I can point stakeholders and visitors to?

-----Original Message-----
From: Little, Andrew JTST:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Cc: Beck, Adrienne JTST:EX
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Angus, as discussed. Recognizing this person is dependent on Bowron Lakes, would you or one of your team be able to respond?

Perhaps this is an opportunity to provide information, either on your website or with key spokespeople, about the triggers or conditions BC Parks will take into consideration before reopening closed parks (i.e. public safety, wildfire status, weather, or whatever other considerations there are.) Messaging such as this will go a long way toward giving stakeholders and the public a sense of when things will happen.

Thanks!
Andrew

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Andrew - see below. I really think there's an issue with my name being the contact somewhere it shouldn't be! I've asked this person where she found my contact info, but in the meantime, could you also please forward this to the appropriate person for response?

-----Original Message-----
From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Beck, Adrienne JTST:EX
Subject: BC Park Lack of Information to Service Providers and Visitors.

Dear Adrienne BeckJuly 24, 2017
BC Government
Tourism

I am a service provider situated on the Boundary of Bowron Lake Provincial Park. Bowron Lake has been closed since July 7th because of wildfires in the south of the Park. I have been fielding endless cancellations and questions from the clients who have bookings with me for rental cabins, canoes and gear. I have gone from record bookings during July 2017 to record losses, but this is not why I am writing.

I have clients contacting me from all over the world…Ontario, England, the United States and Switzerland; to name a few!!! These people need to know whether they should pack up their gear and board their planes.... or if they should cancel their trips all together and make alternative plans!!!
For Bowron Lake Park, the Parks Branch is giving week by week notifications of whether a person's Park Permit is canceled or not. This just is not working for our 'far-a-way' clients. Especially when they also have to take into consideration time limits for the cancellation of their flights and accommodations. Because of this uncertainty I am getting cancellations well into Aug 2017, people are not waiting to hear from BC Parks, they are just cancelling to be on the safe side.

One of my main frustrations though, is that they are contacting me with the hopes of any news at all because they can't get any answers from BC Parks, only to be told that I also cannot give them any answers because BC Parks is not communicating with me either. The service providers who work alongside of our Parks and Recreation Sites are some of the most valuable resources for people inquiring about visiting our Beautiful Province and I feel shut out! I can imagine that service providers all over the Province are feeling the same thing. I have lived and worked in the area for over
s.2 years and I can say from experience that this "closed door" situation is getting worse every year.s.22
s.22 BC Parks used to work very closely with us, each of us keeping each other well informed so that we could jointly disseminate information to the public.

During this wildfire situation, I feel that BC Parks has been very irresponsible and inconsiderate to us, the service providers and to all our visitors, whether they come from in country or out... but especially those from out of country! I'm sure Park officials are having regular meetings and I'm sure they are keeping a close eye on the situation, in each and every one of our Parks, and I commend them for that…. but a big red banner on the Parks website saying "Closed" just DOES NOT cut it!!!
The providers and visitors need information! They need real up-to-date conversations about the situations and projected outlooks. I sincerely hope that by bringing this to your attention, future work can be done to rectify the communication short comings between the public and Government that have become sorely evident because of this current wildfire situation.

Sincerely s.22
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Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:19:19 PM

Thanks Rob,

Spontaneously adding notes to the thread reflects my lack of awareness about your works in progress, as much as anything else

Thanks for your detailed attention to support Shane and I getting started as your backup

Ash

On Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 3:51 PM, Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX <Robert.Fiddler@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Thanks, Ash. I appreciate any ideas you have and would be happy to discuss.
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> Rob
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> Great minds think alike
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> Happy to document in support of your plan
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> On Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 3:10 PM, Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX <Robert.Fiddler@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Robert.Fiddler@gov.bc.ca>> wrote:
> Hi Ash, thanks for bringing this up. This is actually in progress - it's part of my park

inventory project which I have been working on and have discussed with Wendy.

I've been working on upgrading the organization, compilation, and structure of all of this to improve clarity and consistency. This includes the park index which the public use to find parks, and also the build of the individual park pages. Another portion of this is to improve availability of all data associated with the parks for both the public and for BC Parks staff.

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Subject: Re: Wells Gray reopening

Hi Wendy

Thank you for the message

Welcome back

Cheers

Ashlin

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Hi Shane,

Sorry, missed one thing.

On the Wells Gray park page(http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_gry/), please remove the notice stating the park is closed. Please update to read:

June 24, 2017: Park reopening on June 25, 2017 at 7am
As a result of recent precipitation, cooler temperatures and a moderate fire danger rating in northern portions of the Kamloops Fire Centre, BC Parks - in consultation with the BC Wildfire Service - will re-open Wells Gray Provincial Park to public use as of 7 a.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

Thanks!

Leah

From: Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN; Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX
Cc: Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Subject: Wells Gray reopening

Hi Shane,

Wells Gray park is reopening tomorrow so we have a few updates for the BC Parks website:

1. On the main homepage (http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/), under "parks closed due to extreme wildfire hazard" please remove Wells Gray from the list.

2. On the main homepage, under "parks reopened for recreational use" please add Wells Gray with a hyperlink to the Wells Gray park page (http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_gry/)

3. Under the alphabetical parks listing, please remove the 'closed' icon next to the listing for Wells Gray

Thank you!!

Leah

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Subject:	Re: URGENT - WEB Posting - Mount Assiniboine
Date:	Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:45:22 PM

Hi Launa,

Sorry my reply wasn't quite instant

http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/

now reflects as close as possible:

"Please post in both areas.:

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Took the liberty to convert the word document attached to PDF, because the PDF will display on a greater variety of computers and platforms

The PDF appears as a link in the text above

Hope this works for now

Pls advise if any further changes
Thanks,

Ashlin

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> W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933
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Cheers

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To:	Ranson, David ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX
Subject:	Re: BC Park Lack of Information to Service Providers and Visitors.
Date:	Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:48:00 PM

Sounds good. Jeff, your comments are similar to the ones I initially provided to the other Ministries here at the ECC. I have made them aware of the operational constraints our folks, including the RD's, are under. I have also stressed to them that we all want to provide the best information we can but only when we have clear information.

I'll work with the Gcpe folks here and with Dave C. on any potential changes we might make.

Cheers,

Angus

> On Jul 25, 2017, at 4:33 PM, Ranson, David ENV:EX <David.Ranson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> This particular outfitter appears to be sending messages across government as I also received the same message just now (attached).
>
> Jeff makes a good point and he and staff can only go so far with the hours in a day. But our website/banner is also fairly brief and basic. Angus, would you be able to look into the feasibility of including a little more context/background on the web that speaks to some of what Jeff has laid out re assessments and reopenings. I'd suggest starting with Dave Crebo and your ECC folks to see if they would entertain more info or whether they feel stripped down and basic is better.
>
> Thanks,
> David
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> From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:24 PM
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>
> We provide detail beyond "closed" see Directors Orders on web page. Its not that we aren't communicating, its that I cant tell people when the parks are going to be open (I don't have that crystal ball). Trust me I know this is very frustrating as people are spending $1000s on trips with an uncertainty of not knowing when a park is going to be open.
>
> Information I provide is I watch weather and danger ratings on daily basis and in communication with wildfire. Day by day call and we are still early in fire season. I try and return all calls and emails.
>
> Thanks
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
> Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:07 PM
> To: Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX

> Subject: FW: BC Park Lack of Information to Service Providers and Visitors.
>
> Hello Folks:
>
> Andrew makes an worthwhile suggestion regarding our communication. Do we have drafted statements anywhere that give more detail about what factors we consider, who we consult, where public safety comes into play when we make park closure or re-open decisions? Do you think we should provide detail beyond "Closed".
>
> Cheers,
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> Angus
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Beck, Adrienne JTST:EX
> Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:57 PM
> To: Little, Andrew JTST:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
> Subject: RE: BC Park Lack of Information to Service Providers and Visitors.
>
> Thanks again Andrew! Angus, depending how many more of these that come my way, I may start forwarding them directly to you or is there a generic email or website I can point stakeholders and visitors to?
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> From: Little, Andrew JTST:EX
> Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:51 PM
> To: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
> Cc: Beck, Adrienne JTST:EX
> Subject: FW: BC Park Lack of Information to Service Providers and Visitors.
>
> Angus, as discussed. Recognizing this person is dependent on Bowron Lakes, would you or one of your team be able to respond?
>
> Perhaps this is an opportunity to provide information, either on your website or with key spokespeople, about the triggers or conditions BC Parks will take into consideration before reopening closed parks (i.e. public safety, wildfire status, weather, or whatever other considerations there are.) Messaging such as this will go a long way toward giving stakeholders and the public a sense of when things will happen.
>
> Thanks!
> Andrew
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> From: Beck, Adrienne JTST:EX
> Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:43 PM
> To: Little, Andrew JTST:EX
> Subject: FW: BC Park Lack of Information to Service Providers and Visitors.
>
> Andrew - see below. I really think there's an issue with my name being the contact somewhere it shouldn't be! I've asked this person where she found my contact info, but in the meantime, could you also please forward this to the appropriate person for response?
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From s.22
> Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:38 PM
> To: Beck, Adrienne JTST:EX
> Subject: BC Park Lack of Information to Service Providers and Visitors.
>

> Dear Adrienne Beck July 24, 2017
> BC Government
> Tourism
>
> I am a service provider situated on the Boundary of Bowron Lake Provincial Park. Bowron Lake has been closed since July 7th because of wildfires in the south of the Park. I have been fielding endless cancellations and questions from the clients who have bookings with me for rental cabins, canoes and gear. I have gone from record bookings during July 2017 to record losses, but this is not why I am writing.
>
> I have clients contacting me from all over the world...Ontario, England, the United States and Switzerland; to name a few!!! These people need to know whether they should pack up their gear and board their planes.... or if they should cancel their trips all together and make alternative plans!!!
> For Bowron Lake Park, the Parks Branch is giving week by week notifications of whether a person's Park Permit is canceled or not. This just is not working for our 'far-a-way' clients. Especially when they also have to take into consideration time limits for the cancellation of their flights and accommodations. Because of this uncertainty I am getting cancellations well into Aug 2017, people are not waiting to hear from BC Parks, they are just cancelling to be on the safe side.
>
> One of my main frustrations though, is that they are contacting me with the hopes of any news at all because they can't get any answers from BC Parks, only to be told that I also cannot give them any answers because BC Parks is not communicating with me either. The service providers who work alongside of our Parks and Recreation Sites are some of the most valuable resources for people inquiring about visiting our Beautiful Province and I feel shut out! I can imagine that service providers all over the Province are feeling the same thing. I have lived and worked in the area for over
s.2 years and I can say from experience that this "closed door" situation is getting worse every year. During the
s.22 BC Parks used to work very closely with us, each of us keeping each other well informed so that we could jointly disseminate information to the public.
>
> During this wildfire situation, I feel that BC Parks has been very irresponsible and inconsiderate to us, the service providers and to all our visitors, whether they come from in country or out... but especially those from out of country! I'm sure Park officials are having regular meetings and I'm sure they are keeping a close eye on the situation, in each and every one of our Parks, and I commend them for that.... but a big red banner on the Parks website saying "Closed" just DOES NOT cut it!!!
> The providers and visitors need information! They need real up-to-date conversations about the situations and projected outlooks. I sincerely hope that by bringing this to your attention, future work can be done to rectify the communication short comings between the public and Government that have become sorely evident because of this current wildfire situation.
>
> Sincerely s.22
> Bear River Mercantile
> Bowron Lake BC
> PO Box 251, Wells BC, V0K 2R0
> 604-424-4330
> www.bowronlake.com
> www.facebook.com/bowronlake
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Subject:	Re: URGENT - WEB Posting - Mount Assiniboine
Date:	Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:48:36 PM

Hi All..
Will be available to work for a number of hours during the evening

s.22 so pls. make sure Rob and Shane copied on any requests that may arise until then
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From: Butler, Len ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Park
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:35:47 AM

Jeff
Looks like WL opening today but the work is not done. Fires still around and we are not out of the woods yet. I have also heard Anaheim lk and Tweedsmuir are burning up. I have asked Steve for an update. If you guys need some assistance please let us know.
Len

Sent from my iPad

From: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Update needed for July 27th on please - Bowron Lake Canoe Circuit
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 8:25:43 AM

I agree. We know this operator from the PO/Service Plus side of things - they are extremely vocal. As for the public, in general they have holidays planned and they want someone to tell them to its still on or to cancel.

Cheers,

Angus

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:23 AM
To: Ranson, David ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: Update needed for July 27th on please - Bowron Lake Canoe Circuit

Hi Angus and David, along with all individual concerns from public this is probably most vocal of lodges. Rightly so they have international visitors spending a lot of money for experience.
As mentioned, public really just wants to know when parks are going to be open.
Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Becker's Lodge Ltd. <info@beckerslodge.ca>
> **Date:** July 25, 2017 at 11:16:44 PM PDT
> **To:** "Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX" <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>
> **Subject: Re: Update needed for July 27th on please - Bowron Lake Canoe Circuit**
>
> Thanks for the late night update, Jeff. I'll look forward to hearing from you tomorrow. Good night :-)
>
> s.22 , Reservations
>
> Becker's Lodge on beautiful Bowron Lake, BC
> www.beckerslodge.ca
> 250-992-8864 or 1-800-808-4761
>
> On 2017-07-25 11:08 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX wrote:
>
> I didn't get out but Wildfire flew fire today and will be providing me with update tomorrow.
>
> Jeff Leahy
> Regional Director
> Thompson Cariboo Region

BC Parks

> On Jul 25, 2017, at 10:56 PM, Becker's Lodge Ltd. <info@beckerslodge.ca> wrote:
>
> Hi, Jeff... how did the flight go? Any more information about the status of the circuit closure/re-opening? Guests have been calling me back daily since the middle of last week. I'd like to give Lothar an update as well. Thanks!
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>
> > On 2017-07-25 7:09 AM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX wrote:
> >
> > Yes. Thanks s.22
> >
> > Jeff Leahy
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> > Regional Director
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> > >
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> > > > On 2017-07-24 8:58 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX wrote:
> > > >
> > > > Hi s.22 we will not be able to open by 26. Need to ensure circuit is safe prior to opening including status of

fire. Will let you know asap on status.

Thanks

Jeff Leahy

Regional Director

Thompson Cariboo Region

BC Parks

> On Jul 24, 2017, at 5:27 PM, Becker's Lodge Ltd. <info@beckerslodge.ca> wrote:
>
> Hi, Jeff... just following up from our phone call this afternoon. Any word yet on what's happening with the Bowron Lake canoe circuit after July 26th? I'd really like to give

people an informed answer in the morning. Several guests of ours are expected to arrive on July 26th to start the circuit on July 27th.

s.22

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From: s.22
To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; s.22
Subject: Bowron Canoe Circuit Refunds and/or Reopening Decision
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:39:07 AM

Good Morning Jeff,

As of July 11th your Regional Director Order to keep Regional Parks, specifically the Bowron Canoe Circuit closed has been in effect and based on your Order is remains closed until further notice. I have contacted you directly last week and was notified by your assistant Leah Wilcox that we would find out by Monday 24th or at the latest Tuesday July 25th about reopening or remain closed for the Bowron.

Unfortunately, that date has past without follow up to myself and/or the call centre for BC Parks will only give refunds till July 26th and at this time they will not give refunds for any further dates past July 26th.

As you can see, there is a communications gap that exist between the call centre for BC Parks and their ability to refund monies past the July 26th date and a Regional Directors Order that puts that places an open ended closure (for good reason). For all of us planning the trip we are fine with the closure and very much understand the reasons, however, notification and better communications with the call centre must be made to allow people to make adjustments in their schedules.

I am asking that a decision be made to allow unconditional refunds to your customers and visitors to allow us the flexibility to continue our vacations at other locations and make other plans that are required. For the 11 of us on the circuit - we would like to continue on our vacation in others parts of your beautiful province.

Thank you for your time and hope everyone is keeping safe,

s.22

From:	Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
To:	Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
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Date:	Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:59:37 AM
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Cheers,
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https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FLNR0186-001348
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On your 2pm with FLNRO ADM, can you pls raise this?

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INFORMATION BULLETIN
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WILLIAMS LAKE - After several days of favourable weather for firefighting, weather conditions are worsening in the Cariboo Fire Centre. An increase in fire behaviour and wildfire growth is expected.
Winds are anticipated to pick up the afternoon of July 26 and are forecasted to reach 25 km/h from the southeast, with gusts up to 40km/h. Winds are expected to shift later in the day to 20 km/h, with gusts to 40km/h from the northwest and persisting until midnight.
There is also a chance of lightning throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre, which could start new wildfires. Winds associated with lightning storms will be gusty and their direction will be unpredictable. No significant amount of rain is expected. Winds will pick up again tomorrow and the risk of lightning will continue through Thursday, July 27.
The major wildfires burning in the Cariboo Fire Centre, with the exception of the

Gustafsen fire, are classified as "out of control". Large areas of these fires are uncontained and their perimeters will grow with the winds that are expected. The containment percentages are likely to decrease as these fires spread. It is also possible that some containment lines may be breached if the winds are significant enough to push the fires into unburned fuel across these lines or create new spot fires outside of the main fire areas.

Evacuation alerts and evacuation orders are reviewed on a daily basis by the BC Wildfire Service and local governments.

* To keep up-to-date on evacuation alerts and orders from the Cariboo Regional District, please visit: http://cariboord.ca/
* To keep up-to-date on evacuation alerts and orders from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, please visit: http://tnrd.ca/ (http://tnrd.ca/%20)

For up-to-date information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, call 1 888 3-FOREST or visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

You can follow the latest wildfire news on:

* Twitter: http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo
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Date:	Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:36:11 PM
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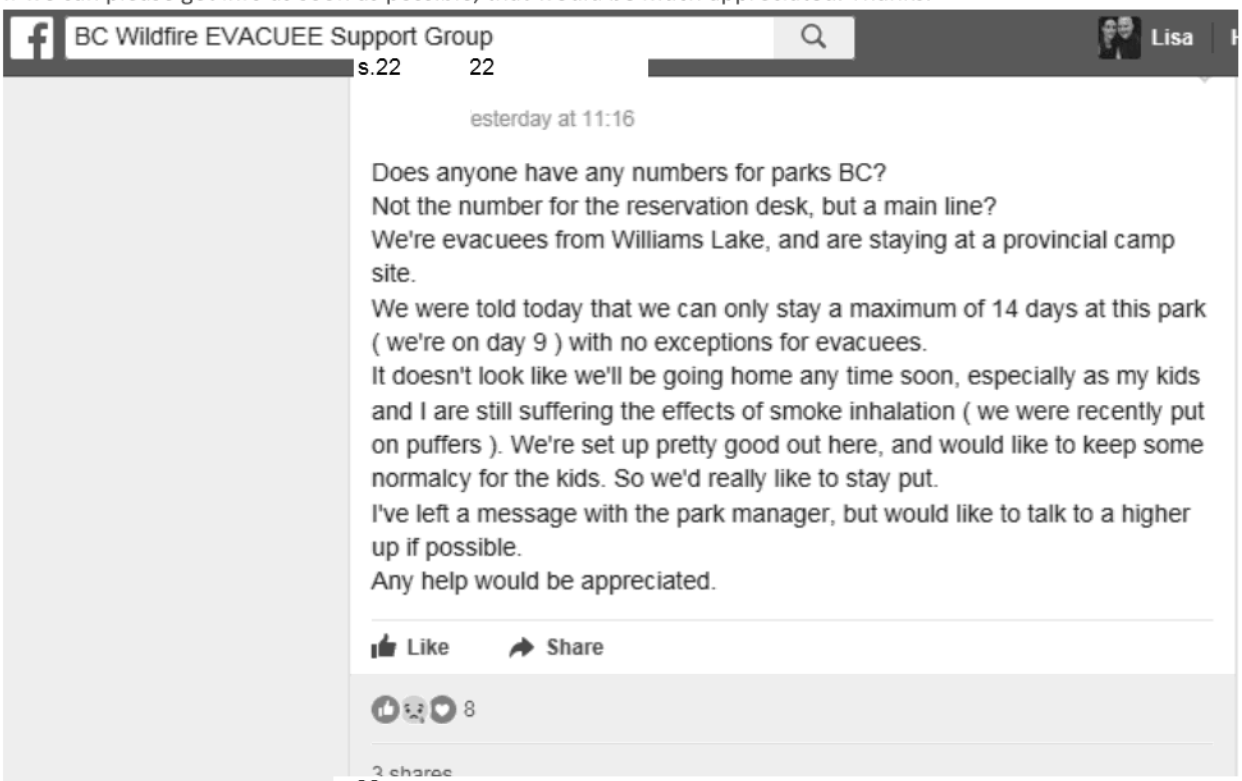
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Cc: Little, Andrew JTST:EX; Beck, Adrienne JTST:EX
Subject: RE: recreation sites/trails/parks in Wells/Barkerville/Bowron area
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:50:51 PM

Hi Jeff:

Have you got someone who can respond?

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Hi again Angus,

Another inquiry has come my way regarding parks and trails in the Wells area. Could you please follow up with s.22 directly?

Many thanks!

Adrienne Beck
Manager, Tourism Policy and Programs
Tourism Policy and Creative Sector Division
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Phone | 250.356.2293 Cell | 250.217.5150

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Beck, Adrienne JTST:EX
Subject: recreation sites/trails/parks in Wells/Barkerville/Bowron area

Dear Ms. Beck:

Could you please put me in touch with someone who could provide me with any information on the potential reopening of trails and recreation sites in the Wells/Barkerville/Bowron area. I'm somewhat confused as to why all trails are closed there when it is actually very damp in that area and has been for quite some time with considerable rain over the past 10 days. I'm particularly interested in any information regarding when the trails in the Barkerville Historic Park (i.e. Groundhog Lake) and the Mt. Murray/Yellowhawk trail will reopen. With international visitors arriving soon who have been looking forward to exploring the area for years, it is quite frustrating not to be allowed on trails when things are very green and moist and not at all like the dry conditions in other areas of the Cariboo/Chilcotin. I'm hoping this area will open up very soon, as nearby Clearwater already has.

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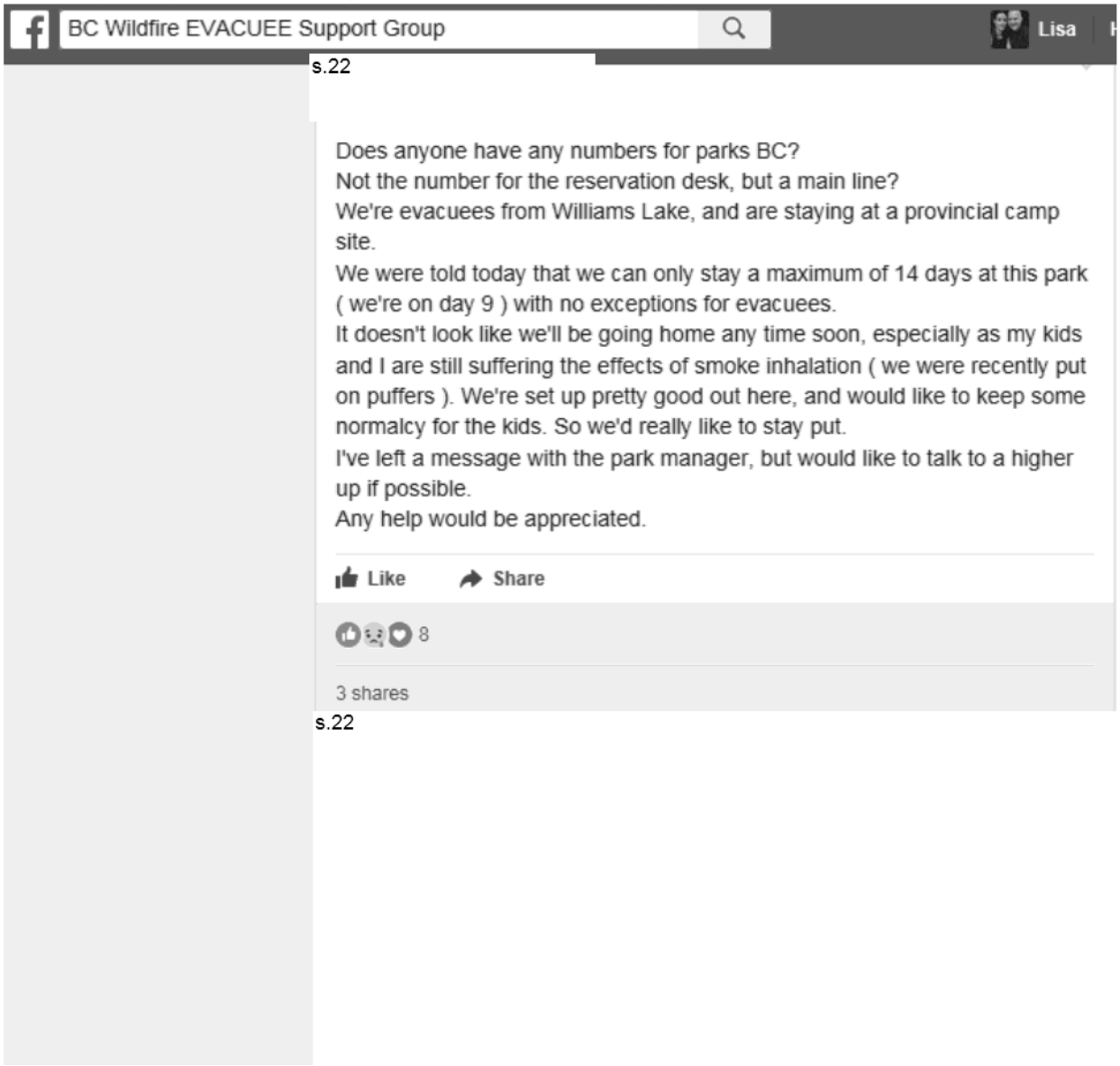
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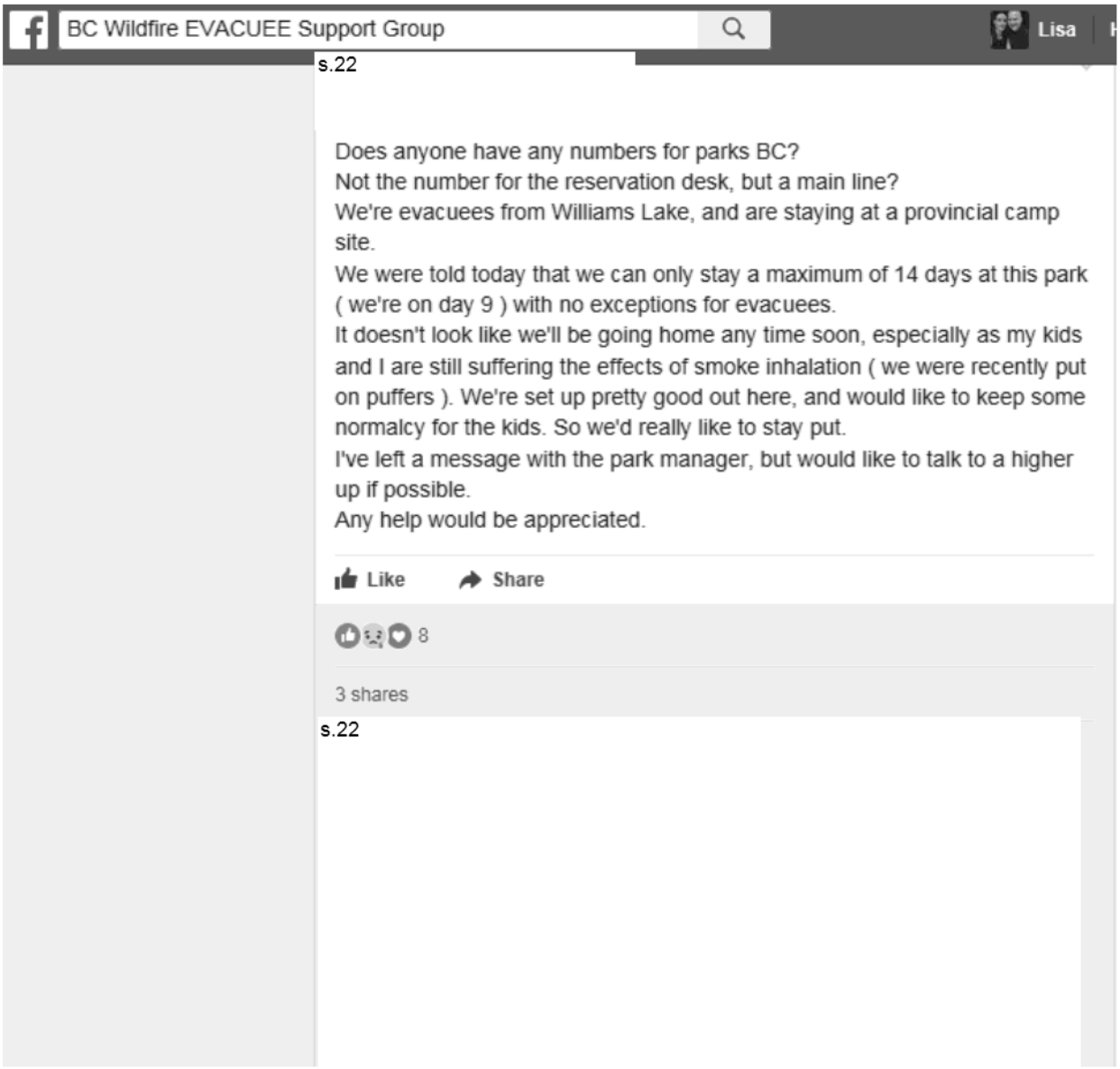
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Just saw your note – sorry –losing my mind

Madeline L. Maley, RPF
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Mary Sue/Ian

For tomorrow's discussion with DM

- Recommendation: Lift Campfire Ban in Ft St. John, Fort Nelson and Dawson Creek Zones b/f weekend
- Reviewed the indices based on current forecasts
- Thresholds are:
  - Fine Fuels Moisture Code 90
  - Duff Moisture Code 40
  - DC 300
- Indices for the Ft St. John, Fort Nelson and Dawson Creek Zones

	FFMC	DMC	DC
July 22	76-89	10-13	96-298
July 30	86-91	10-36	120-324

  - Higher range is from 2 stations – if these stations (Pink Mnt and Osborne) were removed the DMC would be 10-14 and DC 120 - 153
- Data suggests that even if there are starts there is a limited chance of holdover, wildfire can be dealt with through IA or self-extinguish
- PGFC has resources available to deal with pockets of higher risk
- The indices will shift with down as the days shorten and we see cooler temperatures and possibly precipitation
  - It would take at least 2 weeks to increase indices to threshold levels if the weather was hot and dry, which is not expected
- Historically, human caused fires in the north are from industry burning not from campfires
- Ft St John has lifted the municipal campfire ban

Indices in the balance of the PG FC (PG and VanJam) higher (although not as high as the Cariboo or

Kamloops) and suggest we keep the Campfire Ban in place.
Northwest recommends keeping the campfire ban on as we do not have the resources to deal with fires in the Cassiar and Coast Mtn, which are the only places we would want it lifted normally.
BCWS will continue to monitor weekly.

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To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Subject:	RE: Bowron Re- Opening
Date:	Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:10:54 PM
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Madeline

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Bowron Opening
As discussed

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:20 AM
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Subject: RE: Bowron Re- Opening
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:11:19 PM
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Subject: Re: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:20:40 PM
Attachments: image001.png

No problem Wendy. I'm tracking Kulpreet to confirm appropriate number.

Cheers,

Angus

On Jul 26, 2017, at 3:59 PM, Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX <Wendy.Magnes@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> My quick two cents and will let Angus confirm – FYI please do not use Kulpreet's direct line as this was offered to support BC Park Operators as a favour to us in setting up the new ESS Referral system and I am sure would not appreciate having her direct # given to the public.
> Thanks
> Wendy
>
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> **From:** Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
> **Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:56 PM
> **To:** Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; TRAN EMBC PECC Operations 9 TRAN:EX
> **Cc:** Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
> **Subject:** RE: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees
> Thanks We.
> Would the below work for a social media reply? And is there a contact number I can refer her to?
> Thanks again
>
> > Hi s.22 ,
> > Evacuees are welcome to stay at BC Parks, and beyond 14 days if needed. If you are able to, please go to a reception centre to have your ESS referral form extended. If a reception centre is too far away, a local ESS representative will help you with an extension. Please call _____.
> > Thank you for your message.
>
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> **From:** Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
> **Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:36 PM
> **To:** Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; TRAN EMBC PECC Operations 9 TRAN:EX
> **Cc:** Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
> **Subject:** RE: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees
> Hello All:
> Yes, I've just spoken with Brian and Kulpreet with PECC and this is the way they would like to continue to manage this issue. Evacuees need to contact the nearest ESS reception center and have their forms renewed. No need to waive the policy.

Thanks Wendy!
Cheers,
Angus

From: Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; TRAN EMBC PECC Operations 9 TRAN:EX
Cc: Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees

Hi – the direction we have from ESS is that evacuees are to go back to a reception centre and use their existing Referral Form # to get an extension of services from ESS. BC Parks cannot arbitrarily extend a stay beyond the approved dates on the ESS Referral Form (this is linked to compensation approvals). If the evacuee is too far away from an Reception Centre to get a new form then there was a process communicated to PO's re: identifying a local ESS representative who could assist with processing an extension. Angus – you contact at PECC on this would be Kulpreet and / or Brian – I have copied Ops 9. Kulpreet's direct contact # is in the PO emails.
Let me know if you need more.
Wendy

From: Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Cc: Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees

We're being asked by EMBC for this ASAP please

From: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:44 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Cc: Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees

Can we confirm that evacuees are exempt from the 14 day maximum?
Cheers,
Angus

From: Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Cc: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees

I can't imagine us enforcing the 14 night max rule in these cases. But I don't believe any one has had that discussion….
CC'ing Angus and Wendy….do either of you know if this topic has come up? If so, what is the process?

From: Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
Cc: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX

Subject: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees
Importance: High

Hi,

We are being asked for some info in regards to the below social media post.

What does BCP do in these instances? Is there a case-by-case basis?

If we can please get info as soon as possible, that would be much appreciated. Thanks.

Jeff Groot
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From: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 14:12
To: TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: Re: BC Parks question on FB

Do we have an answer? That would be a bad idea if they kicked people out

Matt Gordon
Corporate Executive Lead
Joint Information Centre,
Emergency Management BC
Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure
Government of British Columbia
250.896.4923
Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 1:27 PM, TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX <pecc.lia1@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> FYI just in case something like this comes up on the call tomorrow am.
>
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From: TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 13:27
To: Barrett, Lisa TRAN:EX
Cc: TRAN EMBC PECC Communications Unit 10 TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: BC Parks question on FB

Thanks. Appreciate the flag. Always useful to prep for possible Qs from the MLAs each morning!

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To: TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Cc: TRAN EMBC PECC Communications Unit 10 TRAN:EX
Subject: BC Parks question on FB

As discussed. There are several other comments from people to call her MLA.
Lisa

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Assistance Required - Ranger Numbers - Media Request: BC Parks Funding - DUE at 1PM
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:04:42 PM

Please - tomorrow is fine.

Launa Murai
W) 778-698-4298. C) 250-208-5933

On Jul 26, 2017, at 6:30 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Sorry missed this , did you still need my numbers
>
> **From:** Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
> **Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 1:11 PM
> **To:** Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; ENV PPA Regional Directors; Brown, David R ENV:EX
> **Subject:** RE: Assistance Required - Ranger Numbers - Media Request: BC Parks Funding - DUE at 1PM
> Hey there - I need your information asap please - this request is for response to Larry Pynn @ Van Sun and needs to go this afternoon….
> Thanks.
>
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> **From:** Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX
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> **Cc:** Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
> **Subject:** FW: Assistance Required - Ranger Numbers - Media Request: BC Parks Funding - DUE at 1PM
> **Importance:** High
> Hi All,
> Can you please provide Launa Murai (and cc me) with the following for your region:
> Current:
> - <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--># of auxiliary staff
> - <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->total auxiliary FTEs
> - <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->total auxiliary budget
>
> Also, need the following:
> - <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Current numbers of full time SPRs
> - <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Current numbers other full time staff with Park Ranger designation.
>
> We have the number of new SPR hires, so will provide that separately.
> **We need this by 1PM today**.
> Sorry for the tight turnaround – appreciate your assistance.
> Jennie
>
> **From:** Trewhitt, John ENV:EX
> **Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:24 AM
> **To:** Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX
> **Subject:** RE: Assistance Required - Ranger Numbers - Media Request: BC Parks Funding
> Once all 30 recent hires are on we will have 35 full time rangers.
> Jennie, not sure if you know where we may be tracking seasonal #'s provincially?
> There will be a change in seasonal #'s soon as some seasonal staff were successful in the full time SR competition and rec tech competition. We could canvas regions to

provide updated #'s. Or we could provide the seasonal #'s that we started the season with which is likely simpler.

John Trewhitt
Regional Director, Kootenay Okanagan Region
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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:14 AM
To: Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX
Subject: Assistance Required - Ranger Numbers - Media Request: BC Parks Funding
Importance: High

Hey do either of you have the concrete numbers for BCP Ranger staff now? Larry Pynn asking through media request.
Thanks.

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From: Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:06 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: Media Request: BC Parks Funding

Hello,
I will clarify on a deadlinje.

Reporter

Larry Pynn, Reporter
Vancouver Sun

Request

Can you please provide the current budgets along with number of full-time and seasonal park rangers?
Also, how many BC Parks are there and and how many of those do not have management plans?

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To: Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX
Cc: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Quin, Melissa ENV:EX; Gilliland, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: Re: ESS Staff Plan
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:06:35 PM

Lara (GCPE) and Crebo of necessary as well will be assisting with comms if you require over the weekend. I will forward my plan for coverage tomorrow or Friday.

Launa Murai
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On Jul 26, 2017, at 6:06 PM, Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX <Jennie.Aikman@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> I spoke with Jeff and we will need someone from HQ (presumably the same person who is on the PECC rotation?) to be on-call over the weekends as the go-to for comms updates and other matters.
> On the staffing plan, we can identify who will be the regional contact(s) on-call over the weekend, so we can ensure there is a point of contact while also giving others some much-needed down time. As you know, Jeff's region is following the incident command system and so rotating people through duties in a similar way as we have been staffing the PECC. It's only Jeff who hasn't had an "off" rotation yet, so I want to be sure he gets a break too.
> Jennie
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> **Subject:** RE: ESS Staff Plan
> That is a tough ask s.22 (JTST put a pic. up on twitter).
> But more seriously, I was planning to work out here today and see how it goes for the rest of the week. It is somewhat helpful to have all the ministries and agencies around but not critical. It's also good to be able to work relatively undisturbed out here but that's just my preference.
> Cheers,
> Angus
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> **Subject:** RE: ESS Staff Plan
> That's a tough ask David ….that food is pretty good and Angus actually gets to wear an orange vest s.22 – just saying ☺
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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:03 AM
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I've asked Melissa to look at people's schedules and begin to plot out a rotation. With so many heading out on vacation plus some key staff vacancies, we are probably going to have to draft in other managers and staff. I would also like to see a bit of a schedule for web coverage (even if only contractors) given s.22

s.22

Are you coming back to the office today Angus? Can we tear you away from the free food and the red vest?

Cheers,

David

From: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:36 AM
To: Ranson, David ENV:EX; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX
Subject: ESS Staff Plan

Hi David and Jennie:

As I mentioned on today's call the ESS folks are asking for a staff plan from each ministry up to mid-August and to the end of August if possible. I know s.22

s.22

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I don't know what Wendy's plans are.

I'm not sure where ROB might fit in here but one suggestion for Provincial Services is that we could request a Management rotation but allow delegation to staff. The demands of this position are largely issues management and communications and can be managed by any competent staff person. Now that the situation has settled down somewhat this obligation is not overly demanding. There are quite a few meetings throughout the day but they not critical to Parks. You can make a bigger deal of this if you're interested in the emergency management and training or you can limit your involvement. The delegation issue is not a problem from a Visitor Programs perspective as John Nagle has been involved already and Christine has an emergency management/SAR background so that may just work for my section.

I've felt pressure from Destination BC and Tourism folks to cover their obligations here. I communicated yesterday that we're happy to work with them but not speak for their organisation or claim to represent them.

Cheers,

Angus

From:	Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
To:	Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; TRAN EMBC PECC Operations 9 TRAN:EX
Cc:	Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees
Date:	Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:24:39 AM
Attachments:	image001.png

Hi Danielle:

PECC GCPE approves us using these contact info for general reception center info: 1 800 585-9559

Link to the BC Wildfire website: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status

On the website they have the number for a public fire information line. The number is: 1-888-336-7378.

Cheers,

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:56 PM
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Subject: RE: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees

Thanks We.

Would the below work for a social media reply? And is there a contact number I can refer her to?

Thanks again

> Hi s.22
>
> Evacuees are welcome to stay at BC Parks, and beyond 14 days if needed. If you are able to, please go to a reception centre to have your ESS referral form extended. If a reception centre is too far away, a local ESS representative will help you with an extension. Please call _____.
>
> Thank you for your message.

From: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
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Hello All:

Yes, I've just spoken with Brian and Kulpreet with PECC and this is the way they would like to continue to manage this issue. Evacuees need to contact the nearest ESS reception center and have their forms renewed. No need to waive the policy.

Thanks Wendy!

Cheers,

Angus

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; TRAN EMBC PECC Operations 9 TRAN:EX
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Hi – the direction we have from ESS is that evacuees are to go back to a reception centre and use their existing Referral Form # to get an extension of services from ESS. BC Parks cannot arbitrarily extend a stay beyond the approved dates on the ESS Referral Form (this is linked to compensation approvals). If the evacuee is too far away from an Reception Centre to get a new form then there was a process communicated to PO's re: identifying a local ESS representative who could assist with processing an extension. Angus – you contact at PECC on this would be Kulpreet and / or Brian – I have copied Ops 9. Kulpreet's direct contact # is in the PO emails. Let me know if you need more.

Wendy

From: Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:18 PM

To: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Cc: Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees

We're being asked by EMBC for this ASAP please

From: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:44 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Cc: Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees

Can we confirm that evacuees are exempt from the 14 day maximum?

Cheers,

Angus

From: Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Cc: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees

I can't imagine us enforcing the 14 night max rule in these cases. But I don't believe any one has had that discussion….

CC'ing Angus and Wendy….do either of you know if this topic has come up? If so, what is the process?

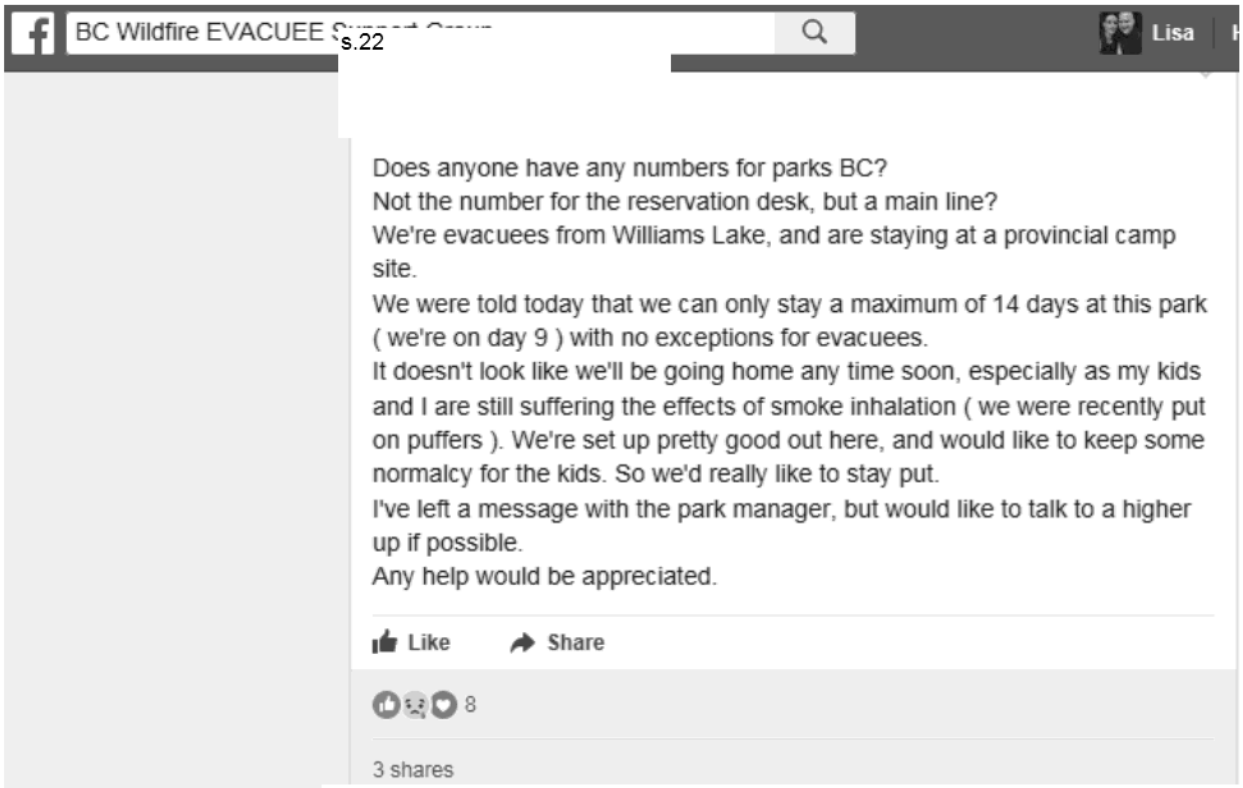
From: Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
Cc: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: Info Request Please - Parks/Evacuees
Importance: High

Hi,

We are being asked for some info in regards to the below social media post.

What does BCP do in these instances? Is there a case-by-case basis?

If we can please get info as soon as possible, that would be much appreciated. Thanks.



s.22

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From: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 14:12
To: TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: Re: BC Parks question on FB
Do we have an answer? That would be a bad idea if they kicked people out

Matt Gordon
Corporate Executive Lead

Joint Information Centre,
Emergency Management BC
Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure
Government of British Columbia
250.896.4923
Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 1:27 PM, TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX <pecc.lia1@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> FYI just in case something like this comes up on the call tomorrow am.
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> **From:** TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
> **Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 13:27
> **To:** Barrett, Lisa TRAN:EX
> **Cc:** TRAN EMBC PECC Communications Unit 10 TRAN:EX
> **Subject:** RE: BC Parks question on FB
> Thanks. Appreciate the flag. Always useful to prep for possible Qs from the MLAs each morning!
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> As discussed. There are several other comments from people to call her MLA.
> Lisa

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Cc:	Quin, Melissa ENV:EX; Gilliland, Jim ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: ESS Staff Plan
Date:	Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:35:21 AM

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Subject:	RE: ESS Staff Plan
Date:	Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:36:03 AM

If everyone can please forward all of your information and I'll do it.

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From: Merlin
To: Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Cc: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Sundays plan vs Mondays
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 10:36:02 AM

Okay,

s.22

I have a meeting with the Mayor this afternoon and am going to push back a bit on this attitude that the park must stay open at all cost.

I do think we should close a few low use and or high risk trails like Pyramid, wavy range, central mountain and Helmcken Rim. Closing some of these could cut evacuation times in half, and they are either low use, or the things you can see from them can be accessed from safer places.

Let's hope today's storm skips us, but I don't think we'll get lucky.

Merlin

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 27, 2017, at 10:00 AM, Hobler, Alan ENV:EX <Alan.Hobler@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> 11 is the coordination call.
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
> Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:27 AM
> To: XT:Blackwell, Merlin ENV:IN
> Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
> Subject: RE: Sundays plan vs Mondays
>
> I have a call at 9:30 and believe Jeff has one at 10 or so. How does 11:00 am sound. Still in town then?
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Merlin [mailto s.22
> Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:25 AM
> To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> Cc: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
> Subject: Re: Sundays plan vs Mondays
>
> I'm in town now, let me know a good time or call me on my cell.
>
> Merli
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Jul 26, 2017, at 9:04 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>>
>> Sure stop by.
>>
>> Jeff Leahy
>> Regional Director

>> Thompson Cariboo Region
>> BC Parks
>>
>>> On Jul 26, 2017, at 8:54 PM, Merlin <s.22 > wrote:
>>>
>>> Hi guys,
>>>
>>> Considering we're pretty much back to the conditions we had 10 days ago, I'm a little concerned we're a bit too open.
>>>
>>> I think some of the backcountry restrictions should be reconsidered, especially longer hiking routes not under the scope of guide companies.
>>>
>>> I'm in Kamloops tomorrow morning if you want to meet.
>>>
>>> Merlin
>>>
>>>
>>>
>>> Sent from my iPhone
>> <winmail.dat>
> <winmail.dat>

From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: MDEC today- Bowron Park Closure lift
Date:	Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:56:07 PM

Sure. Jeff, please call me.
Thx.

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From: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: FW: MDEC today- Bowron Park Closure lift

Launa,

I am tied up in NRSADMs so could you work with Jeff to put together 2-3 bullets for Mark as an update to the Minister-Deputy Emergency Committee? Note the focus on explaining how we are being precautionary in support of the decision. Needed for 330 latest.

Thanks

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From: Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX
Cc: Sheldan, Tim FLNR:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: MDEC today- Bowron Park Closure lift

Thanks Mary Sue. We will certainly work with you on ensuring the messaging is suitably precautionary. Jim, can I get a couple of speaking points for the MDEC call today?
Regards, MZ

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 27, 2017, at 12:46 PM, Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX <MarySue.Maloughney@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Hi Mark:
> Confirmed that Tim and I (Madeline is filling in for me at MDEC today) will leave the update on this to you and we will support. As we heard last night, need to reinforce strong messages around framing it in broader message of ongoing concern for safety in the Cariboo area, caution and we will be monitoring conditions near the park extremely closely. Ministers will be particularly sensitive to this given the WL announcement today (leading with welcome home message rather than caution needs to be applied, many areas still unsafe, etc).
> Madeline will be prepared with revised bullets on the factors we considered in making

the recommendation to you.
Thanks MS

From: Sheldan, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:09 PM
To: Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX
Cc: Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Bowron Park Closure lift

I support generally but have the same concerns about the impacts on the provincial message box, similar to Don's comments about the NE earlier today. The more areas we open, the more people will think the crisis and public safety issue is resolved. I think we need very clear comms messages about this and the broader issue.
I am also a bit confused about the comment that the south end of the park being in the high hazard rating category. But we still support reopening the entire park. That seems a bit contradictory.

Sent from Tim Sheldan's iPad

On Jul 26, 2017, at 9:45 PM, Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX <MarySue.Maloughney@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Sent on behalf of Jim and MS
> Tim/Mark
> **BC Parks would like to move ahead with the opening of this park asap and before the weekend. It is supported by BCWS and Jim and I want to confirm this direction with you and in advance to MDEC tomorrow.**
> BC Parks closed the Bowron Lake Park on July 11, 2017 in response to extensive an significant wildfire throughout the Cariboo Region, at that time there were 2 wildfires burning (discover July 8, 2017). Since that date, no new fire have been discovered in the Park.
> BC Wildfire Service inspected the two fires in the Bowron Lake Park on July 25, 2017 and recommends reopening the Park
>
> - The fires are in allocation where there is now limited opportunity for growth
> - It is unlikely that these fires will re-ignite and spread in a short timeframe, based on current indices and weather forecast
> - In the event that they did re-ignite, smoke would be visible allowing time for response.
> - The BC Wildfire Service will continue to monitor these fires and will recommend closure if necessary for public safety
>
> BC Parks Measures for Public Safety
>
> - BC Parks continues to monitor for public safety with 2-3 Park Rangers and up to 6 Park Operators onsite conducting regular and routine patrols
> - BC Parks has an evacuation plan in place should Bowron Park require evacuation
> - BC Parks monitors on an ongoing basis the number and location of

parks visitors

BCWS and BC Parks recognise that wildfires are dynamic and circumstances may change quickly and will continue to assess the situation to protect public safety. Should the need arise, additional provincial park closures may be enacted throughout the summer.

Thanks MS/JS

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Subject:	BCP Daily Sit Rep, etc. - July 27, 2017
Date:	Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:31:17 PM
Attachments:	BCP SR - July 27 2017.docx PC Rollup - Jy27.xlsx Daily Wildfire Situation Report - July 27 2017.pdf 17 Fires of Note & DR MAP 8.5 x11 20170727.pdf

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Jim and Mark, attached above are updated documents for today:

- BCP Daily Sit Rep
- BCP Park Closure Rollup
- WMS Daily Wildfire Sit Rep
- WMS - Fires of Note

If you need anything further, please let me know.
Thanks.

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Launa Murai
Issues and Initiatives Manager, BC Parks and Conservation Officer Services *Division, MoE*
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From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: URGENT - Review Required - MDEC today- Bowron Park Closure lift
Date:	Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:52:10 PM

Koolio.
Thanks.

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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
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Go for it...Im fine with this

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Let me know what you think, please. Danielle crafted with info I forwarded and Crebo approves:

- Public safety is paramount when making any decisions around closing or re-opening Bowron Lake Provincial Park, as with all provincial parks.

- BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service have carefully assessed the situation at Bowron Lake park, which includes considering factors such as weather conditions and forecasts, access routes, presence of active fires and fire danger ratings.

- Based on careful consideration, the decision has been made to re-open Bowron Lake park.

- BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service will continue to closely monitor the situation.

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Blanket Park Closures
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 3:20:38 PM

Can you pls give me brief, Coles Notes version of how the call went?

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:30 PM
To: Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc: Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX; Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Blanket Park Closures

I will call her

Thanks

Jeff

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From: s.22
Sent: July 22, 2017 8:45 AM
To: Tegart.MLA, Jackie <Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Pilon, Lori <Lori.Pilon@leg.bc.ca>s.22
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From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Bowron opening
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:45:02 PM

Are we doing an IB to release?

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> On Jul 27, 2017, at 9:06 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Urgent - Bowron opening
Date:	Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:47:17 PM

We are opening Bowron in the morning - need it showing on the website as open please.

We will forward the rescind DO as soon as it's done

Thanks all!

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Begin forwarded message:

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> **Cc:** "Standen, Jim ENV:EX" <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca>, "Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX" <Heather.Marzoff@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject:	FW: Lorna Lake/ Big Lake Park
Date:	Thursday, July 27, 2017 10:53:33 PM
Importance:	High

Sorry Jeff

I have asked for recommendations from the field on this, and will let you know what I hear.

What are your thoughts on this one?

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From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Cc:	Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX
Subject:	Urgent - Bowron opening
Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 6:32:12 AM

Bowron Lake has been removed from the closed list and added to open list on the website, please see here:
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks
When the DO is rescinded, please forward and we'll have it posted.
Thanks.

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From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Update: Daily Wildfire Situation Report- July 27, 2017
Date: Friday, July 28, 2017 6:47:55 AM

Doesn't look like it's going to calm down up there...

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-----Original Message-----
From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 6:47 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Update: Daily Wildfire Situation Report- July 27, 2017

Thanks. Reason why it's crazy smokey here

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

> On Jul 28, 2017, at 6:39 AM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> From: Skrepnek, Kevin FLNR:EX
> Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 5:26 PM
> Cc: Skrepnek, Kevin FLNR:EX
> Subject: Update: Daily Wildfire Situation Report- July 27, 2017
>
> Good evening all,
>
> An updated version of today's Daily Wildfire Situation Report, including:
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> · Information on the Martin Mountain fire, east of Kamloops
>
> · An updated size for the Jim Lake wildfire (estimated at 40 hectares)
>
> Cheers,
> Kevin
>
> [cid:image001.jpg@01D306FD.5AFB0850]
>
> Kevin A. Skrepnek
> Chief Fire Information Officer
> BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
> Phone: 250 312-3052 | Cell: 250 318-4782 | Media: 250 312-3051

> Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555
> [cid:image018.png@01D26FFA.9A61BF10]<https://www.facebook.com/BCForest
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> ca/>[cid:image021.jpg@01D26FFA.9A61BF10]<http://www.firesmartcanada.ca
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> From: Saini, Navi FLNR:EX
> Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 12:55 PM
> Cc: Saini, Navi FLNR:EX
> Subject: Daily Wildfire Situation Report- July 27, 2017
>
> Good afternoon,
>
> Today’s Daily Wildfire Situation Report is attached.
>
> Thanks,
>
> Navi Saini, RPF
> Fire Information Officer
> Provincial Wildfire Coordination Centre BC Wildfire Service <Daily
> Wildfire Situation Report - July 27, 2017 v02.pdf> <image001.jpg>
> <image002.png> <image003.png> <image004.png> <image005.jpg>

From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Subject:	Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening
Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 9:51:42 AM
Attachments:	INFORMATION BULLETIN - Bowron Re-opening.docx image001.png image002.png

Please see the attached DRAFT Information Bulletin. Please make any changes you see fit before I send it off to CGPE for a final polish and release.

Cheers,

Craig

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From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Cc:	Poulin, Valerie ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: final Little Fort Complex community update
Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 10:27:51 AM
Attachments:	July 27 2017 a - Little Fort Complex Wildfire Community Update.pdf 7242017~104751_17 PD02 AreaRestriction MAP DunnLake Public 8X11P 20170724.pdf order-assiniboine-partial-opening_20170726.pdf image001.png image002.png

For your consideration:
I think we could contemplate re-opening at least the recreational trail area of Dunn Peak PA now as the fire on the far western edge is 100% contained and is getting downgraded. The area where people use this park is accessed well away from this fire (through Barriere) and the trail and informal campground are located in the far eastern part of the Protected Area. I don't see that area threatened. There is a forest use closure surrounding the fire in the western portion of Dunn Peak PA so that would need to remain closed. We could look at a partial closure similar to what they have done in Assiniboine.
Craig

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From: King, John ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 4:34 PM
To: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX; Duncan, Andrew ENV:EX
Subject: FW: final Little Fort Complex community update
FYI

From: Rice, Heather M FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Rice, Heather M FLNR:EX
Subject: final Little Fort Complex community update
Hello,
This will be the final update from the Incident Command Team (IMT) on the Little Fort Complex fires. As both fires are now 100 % contained the fires will now be managed by qualified BC Wildfire staff who have been working on the fires alongside the IMT. If you do have questions regarding these fires please contact the Kamloops Fire Centre at 250-554-5965.
Thank you for the support of the community during these fires.
Sincerely,
Heather M. Rice, RFT
Fire Information Officer
BC Wildfire Service
Little Fort Fire Complex 71W18KA
Cell: 250-306-9163

From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening
Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 11:00:11 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png INFORMATION BULLETIN - Bowron Re-opening BP edits.docx

Jeff,

What are we doing with this IB? Are we waiting for the fire center to do something? Would you like me to send this new version in to GCPE?

Craig

From: Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening

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From: Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Bowron Long weekend
Date: Friday, July 28, 2017 11:55:48 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Would we have approval to have staff work the stat on the long weekend?

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OK, please don't include us in the IB until I have heard from the Fire Centre. I just sent a note to them telling them we are working on an IB with you, but won't include RSTBC if they are not in support.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening
It is going over to FLNRO GCPE folks as they initiate the IBs

From: Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 11:48 AM
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Are you getting Krista to review the IB? I have still not heard from them.

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Cc:	Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Subject:	FYI - Instructions: Media and Comms - BCP Contact during my absence
Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 12:19:52 PM
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This is the email I have forwarded to our GCPE colleagues providing direction for while I am away. I have been explicit that the above information not be shared outside of their group given the confidential nature of it.
Thanks, all.

Launa Murai
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From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Karn, David GCPE:EX; Hurrell, Lara GCPE:EX (Lara.Hurrell@gov.bc.ca)
Cc: Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX; Quin, Melissa ENV:EX
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we`ll need you to go directly to BCP staff for requests. If all else fails, know that you can reach out to Sarah Andrews (Jim`s EAA), or Melissa Quin, (BCP HQ Office Manager) for assistance in trying to connect you with the right staff, or to reach a Manager, ED or RD in an emergent or critical situation. Having said that, please do not engage them for assistance with media or comms requests themselves.

Instructions and Info:

- Please reach out to the respective program staff and or manager, and to the regional staff for media requests - or go directly to the Regional Director if it`s urgent.
- Attached above are the contact lists for each region and areas within the region. **Please be advised that all of the information above is strictly confidential - do not share outside of your group.**
- Each of these sheets is broken out by Section Head and their associated areas of responsibility by park, conservancy and protected area - all contact information should be up to date.
- If the contact information is incorrect, contact the respective Regional Director, and if that`s not successful, call Sarah Andrew for assistance.

RD`s:

- Kootenay Okanagan: John Trewhitt w) 250-490-8249 cell) 250-462-0513
- North Region: Larry Boudreau w) 250-614-9910 cell) 250-961-6998
- South Coast: Jenny Aikman w) 604-924-2227 cell) 778-875-8494
- Thompson Cariboo Jeff Leahy w) 250-371-6304 cell) 250-371-1085
- West Coast: Don Cadden w) 250-751-3211 cell) 250-755-9589

I believe you already have the HQ managers and staff contact info but if you need it, please let me know.

Thank you all for managing s.22
Launa

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Subject:	Posted: Bowron Lakes PP Rescind DO
Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 12:54:13 PM

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Subject:	RE: Posted: Bowron Lakes PP Rescind DO
Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 12:57:16 PM

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Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 1:03:25 PM

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Subject:	Re: Posted: Bowron Lakes PP Rescind DO
Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 1:12:16 PM

That's fine, thx.

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.
(250) 812-5747 (cell)

On Jul 28, 2017, at 1:10 PM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Thanks.

Launa

From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Broznitsky, Natasha FLNR:EX; Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Hurrell, Lara GCPE:EX
Subject:	Re: RUSH REVIEW: IB - Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening
Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 2:05:00 PM

I think it's fine to go

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.
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On Jul 28, 2017, at 2:04 PM, Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX <Thomas.Winterhoff@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> OK. Are we still waiting for Jeff to approve this IB?
>
> **From:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX
> **Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2017 2:04 PM
> **To:** Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
> **Cc:** Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Broznitsky, Natasha FLNR:EX; Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Hurrell, Lara GCPE:EX
> **Subject:** Re: RUSH REVIEW: IB - Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening
> I'm not aware of any reason that the 7am/28th needs to be in there, given it's been open for 7 hours.
>
> Dave Crebo
> Communications Director
> Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.
> (250) 812-5747 (cell)
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> On Jul 28, 2017, at 1:51 PM, Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX <Thomas.Winterhoff@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> > Hi Dave,
> > <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->I haven't heard back from Jeff yet. Do you still want me to wait for a green light from him before proceeding?
> > <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Do we need to mention that the park reopened at 7:30 a.m. (for legal reasons, for example)? If not, we were going to delate the time reference.
> > Thanks,
> > Tom
> >
> > **From:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX
> > **Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2017 1:34 PM

To: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Broznitsky, Natasha FLNR:EX; Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Hurrell, Lara GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: RUSH REVIEW: IB - Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening

Re media #, yes.

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
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On Jul 28, 2017, at 1:31 PM, Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX <Thomas.Winterhoff@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Hi Jeff,
> We reworded the IB about Bowron Lake PP reopening so it doesn't reference recreation sites and trails. If you and Dave Crebo are OK with the attached version, I'll get it approved over here and then tee it up with the editors.
> DAVE: Are you OK using the usual ENV media contact number?
> Thanks,
> Tom
>
> ---
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> **From:** Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
> **Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2017 12:42 PM
> **To:** Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
> **Cc:** Broznitsky, Natasha FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
> **Subject:** RE: RUSH REVIEW: IB - Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening
>
> We'll separate out. Jeff, should it still say 7:00 a.m. July 28th?
> Thx,
> Vivian
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> ---
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> **From:** Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
> **Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2017 12:13 PM
> **To:** Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
> **Cc:** Broznitsky, Natasha FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> **Subject:** RE: RUSH REVIEW: IB - Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening
>
> Hi Vivian,
> We are waiting to ensure that the Cariboo Fire Centre is supportive of re-opening rec sites and trails in the area before we include them in the IB.
> Since there is urgency to release the IB for the re-opening of Bowron Lakes Park, you will have to proceed with that, and

we will work on a separate IB for the rec sites and trails. This means that the IB needs to be modified to only mention Bowron Lakes Park and BC Parks.

Bruce Petch
Regional Manager
Recreation Sites and Trails BC
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
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From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Broznitsky, Natasha FLNR:EX
Cc: Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: RUSH REVIEW: IB - Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening

Bruce, can you confirm which rec sites and trails?
Thx,
Vivian

From: Broznitsky, Natasha FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 12:03 PM
To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: RUSH REVIEW: IB - Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening

We are ok with Bowron Lake Park opening. Myself and the RWCO are not sure what the other RSTBC Quesnel area re-opening refers to?

Natasha Broznitsky
Information Officer, Cariboo Fire Centre
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
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From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Broznitsky, Natasha FLNR:EX
Cc: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Subject: RUSH REVIEW: IB - Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening
Importance: High

Hi Natasha,
Can you confirm that Cariboo FC is aware and supportive?
Thx,
Vivian

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 11:53 AM

To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening

Hi Dave as discussed, Parks and Rec Sites and Trails have put this together to try and help Fire Center with basic messaging.
Thanks
Jeff

From: Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening

I made a number of changes, mostly to make rec sites and trails more clearly a part of the bulletin, but also to correct some other details. If we end up doing separate IBs, you may want to retain the latter changes (e.g. contact info for FLRNO).
I have yet to hear from the Fire Centre. I realize you cannot wait much longer to get the IB going (recognizing GCPE will take some time to finalize it). So we may have to do separate IBs.
Bruce

From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 9:52 AM
To: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Subject: Bowron and RSTBC Quesnel Area Re-opening

Please see the attached DRAFT Information Bulletin. Please make any changes you see fit before I send it off to CGPE for a final polish and release.
Cheers,
Craig

Craig Baillie

Area Supervisor
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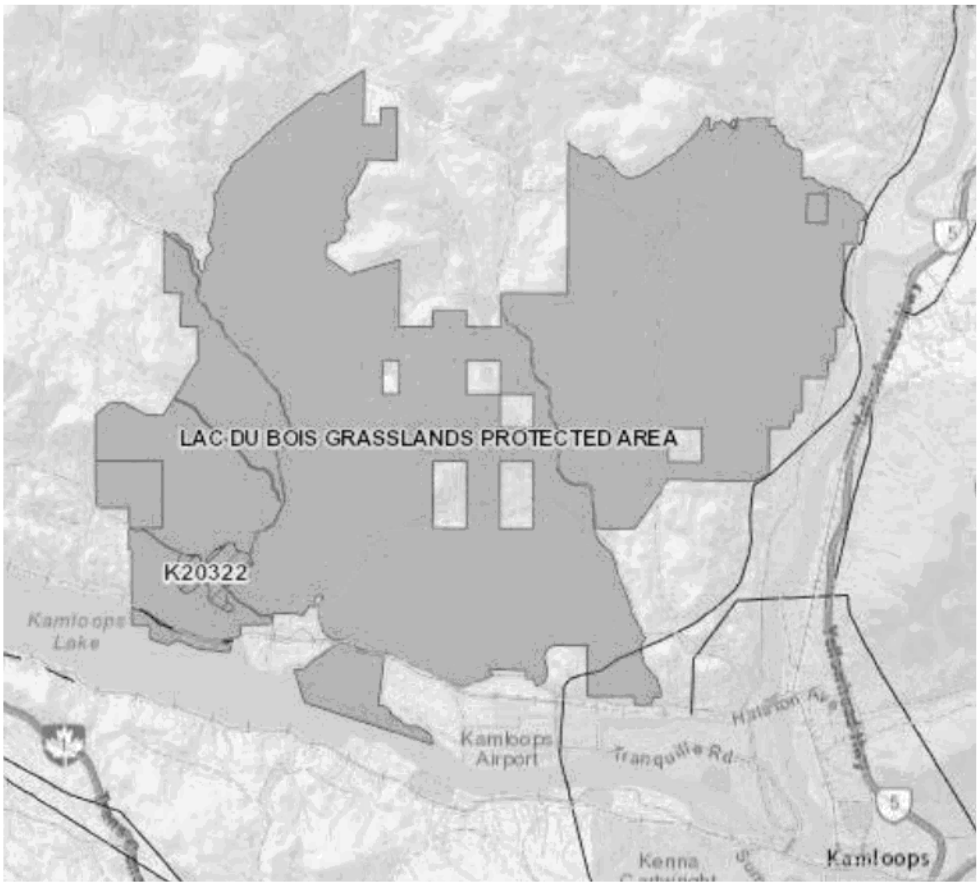
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To:	Poulin, Valerie ENV:EX; Shaw, Heather ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	photos of K20322 LDB burn (1 month after)
Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 2:37:24 PM

FYI

See I:\Parks\PARKS- ALPHA\Lac du Bois-4433\2017 07 28 LDB burn horses spadefoots

for photos taken today at a month old burn in LDB (K20322- the fire started around 26 June 2017).

Thanks Heather – it was a really interesting trip out



Sarma Liepins
Conservation Specialist
For the Thompson-Cariboo
250 371 6214

To:	Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Subject:	FW: IB Cariboo FC reopening of Bowron Lake Provincial Park
Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 3:22:41 PM
Attachments:	2017FLNR0194-001360.pdf

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Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Broznitsky, Natasha FLNR:EX; Skrepnek, Kevin FLNR:EX; Turcot, Ryan FLNR:EX; Saini, Navi FLNR:EX; Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX; McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX; Skwarok, Lindsey GCPE:EX; Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX; TRAN EMBC PECC Public Information 1 TRAN:EX; TRAN EMBC PECC Public Information 2 TRAN:EX; TRAN EMBC PECC Public Information 3 TRAN:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Subject: IB Cariboo FC reopening of Bowron Lake Provincial Park

Hi Vivian,

I've attached the Information Bulletin about reopening Bowron Lake Provincial Park in the Cariboo Fire Centre. It will be distributed to regional media ASAP today (July 28).

The Information Bulletin will also be posted on the BC Newsroom website at http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/

ENV is the primary media contact and Natasha Broznitsky, Fire Information Officer in the Cariboo Fire Centre, is listed as the secondary media contact.

Kevin, Ryan and Navi: The text version is pasted in below.

Thanks,

Tom

Thomas Winterhoff
Public Affairs Officer
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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bowron Lake Provincial Park reopened for public use

KAMLOOPS - Due to cooler temperatures and lower fire danger ratings in the northeastern portion of the Cariboo Fire Centre, BC Parks - in consultation with the BC Wildfire Service - reopened Bowron Lake Provincial Park for public use on July 28, 2017.

The level of wildfire activity can change quickly, however, so BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service will continue to assess the situation to help protect public safety. Should the need arise, provincial park closures may be enacted throughout the summer.

BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service are asking the public to remain vigilant and help prevent human-caused wildfires. To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call *5555 on a cellphone or 1 800 663-5555 toll-free.

A campfire ban remains in effect throughout British Columbia. For details on current open burning

prohibitions, please visit: www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans
* For more information about Bowron Lake Provincial Park, please visit the BC Parks website at: www.bcparks.ca
* For the latest information on wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, please visit the BC Wildfire Service website at: www.bcwildfire.ca
You can also follow the latest wildfire news on:
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* Facebook at: http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo (http://facebook.com./BCForestFireInfo)
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250 953-3834
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Fire Information Officer
BC Wildfire Service
Cariboo Fire Centre
778 799-2101
Connect with the Province of B.C. at: www.gov.bc.ca/connect

From:	Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
To:	Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Little, Andrew JTST:EX
Cc:	Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Bowron Lakes Park opening
Date:	Friday, July 28, 2017 5:31:31 PM

Hi Steven:

Have you had time to respond to this person?

Cheers,

Angus

From: Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:53 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Cc: Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Bowron Lakes Park opening

I relayed this information to COM. Will keep him updated as things progress.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
Cc: Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Bowron Lakes Park opening

Im talking to Wildfire today and thinking about heading up tomorrow. Should have a better idea in couple days

From: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Bowron Lakes Park opening

Hi Steven:

Can you please advise this unfortunate, potential traveller with regard to Bowron Lake openings?

Cheers,

Angus

From: Little, Andrew JTST:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:19 AM
To: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Cc: Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Beck, Adrienne JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Bowron Lakes Park opening

Hi, Angus. Are you able to respond to this person or forward this to the appropriate person at BC Parks who could? Perhaps there are alternative experiences in B.C. parks that he could be offered?

Thanks, and let me know if we can help further.

Andrew

From: Beck, Adrienne JTST:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:07 AM
To: Little, Andrew JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Bowron Lakes Park opening

Andrew – are you able to respond to this or suggest where I should direct him to?

Thanks ☺

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:52 AM
To: Beck, Adrienne JTST:EX
Subject: Bowron Lakes Park opening

Hello,
I plan to fly from Boston in a few days for a 9 day trip on the Bowron Lakes with my family, starting August 5. I don’t think I’ve ever spent $10,000 on a vacation before. Can you give me any indication of the chances of the park opening in time. I'm sure the guide service will refund my money but I guess I'll have to sacrifice the six airline tickets and save my vacation time for another day.
Thanks,
s.22

From: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Ten Mile Opening
Date: Saturday, July 29, 2017 1:27:13 PM
Attachments: image001.png
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image005.png
image007.png

Are you able to give me a call Jeff?
Call my cell, as I will be at that phone.
Krista

Krista Dunleavey, R.F.T.
Fire Centre Manager, Cariboo Fire Centre
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: 778-799-2022 | Cell: 250 267-5811
Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555



From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX
Subject: Ten Mile Opening

Hi Krista, I would like to open 10 Mile campground ASAP. This is a popular 107 site front country campground 12 km north of Quesnel.
Please let me know if you have concerns with reopening
Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To: ENV PPA PLT; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Brown, David R ENV:EX; MacDonald, Rob V ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Daily Wildfire Situation Report - July 29, 2017
Date: Saturday, July 29, 2017 1:49:01 PM
Attachments: Daily Wildfire Situation Report - July 29, 2017.pdf

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From: Turcot, Ryan FLNR:EX
Sent: 29 July 2017 11:44
Cc: Turcot, Ryan FLNR:EX
Subject: Daily Wildfire Situation Report - July 29, 2017

Good morning,

Today's Daily Wildfire Situation Report is attached.

Please do not forward or redistribute this update.

Ryan Turcot
Information Officer
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Phone: 250 312-3075 | Cell: 250 318-5536 | Media Line: 250-312-3051

From:	Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX; RWCOCAR HPR P FLNR:EX
Subject:	RE: Ten Mile Opening
Date:	Saturday, July 29, 2017 3:36:35 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image003.png image004.png image005.png image009.png

Hi Jeff,

Following considerations for your decision whether to open Ten Mile Provincial Park:

- The Ten Mile Park has a reservation system so Parks will know who is in the park
- BCWS resources are extremely taxed, and human caused fires are a concern.
- There is a camp fire ban in place, but this park is very close to Quesnel, so enforcement should not be a concern
- The fire danger rating in Quesnel is high today, but is expected to rise with the hot weather.
- The weather forecast is continued hot weather, with a chance of lightning and wind next week (see today's forecast below)
- There are currently no wildfires in close vicinity to Ten Mile Park

Cheers

Krista

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Valid as of 10:30am Saturday July 29, 2017

SYNOPSIS:

While general upper ridging conditions prevail, a quick shortwave upper trough will ride through the pattern later today triggering some convection through approximately the northern half of the Fire Centre, some of which will come with little to nil precipitation. The trough departs the province by tomorrow morning, leaving a flat upper ridge in its wake. In general warm and dry conditions will prevail for today and tomorrow, with winds picking up in the Chilcotin near noon today and easing near midnight, with a repeat tomorrow as the thermal trough sets up both days in the lee of the Coast range.

EAST OF FRASER

TODAY: Sunny with increasing afternoon cloud. Chance (40%) of an isolated shower or thundershower from approximately Williams Lake northward starting late afternoon. Winds light and variable this morning becoming south to southwesterly 10-20 km/h with gusts to 30 km/h this afternoon. Variable gusts to 60 km/h vicinity convection. MAX TEMP: 26 to 30. MIN RH: 20-35%.

TONIGHT: Variable cloud with clearing by midnight. Chance (20%) of an isolated shower or thundershower until approximately midnight over northeastern regions. Winds easing to light by midnight. MIN TEMP: 10 to 14. MAX RH: 60-70%.

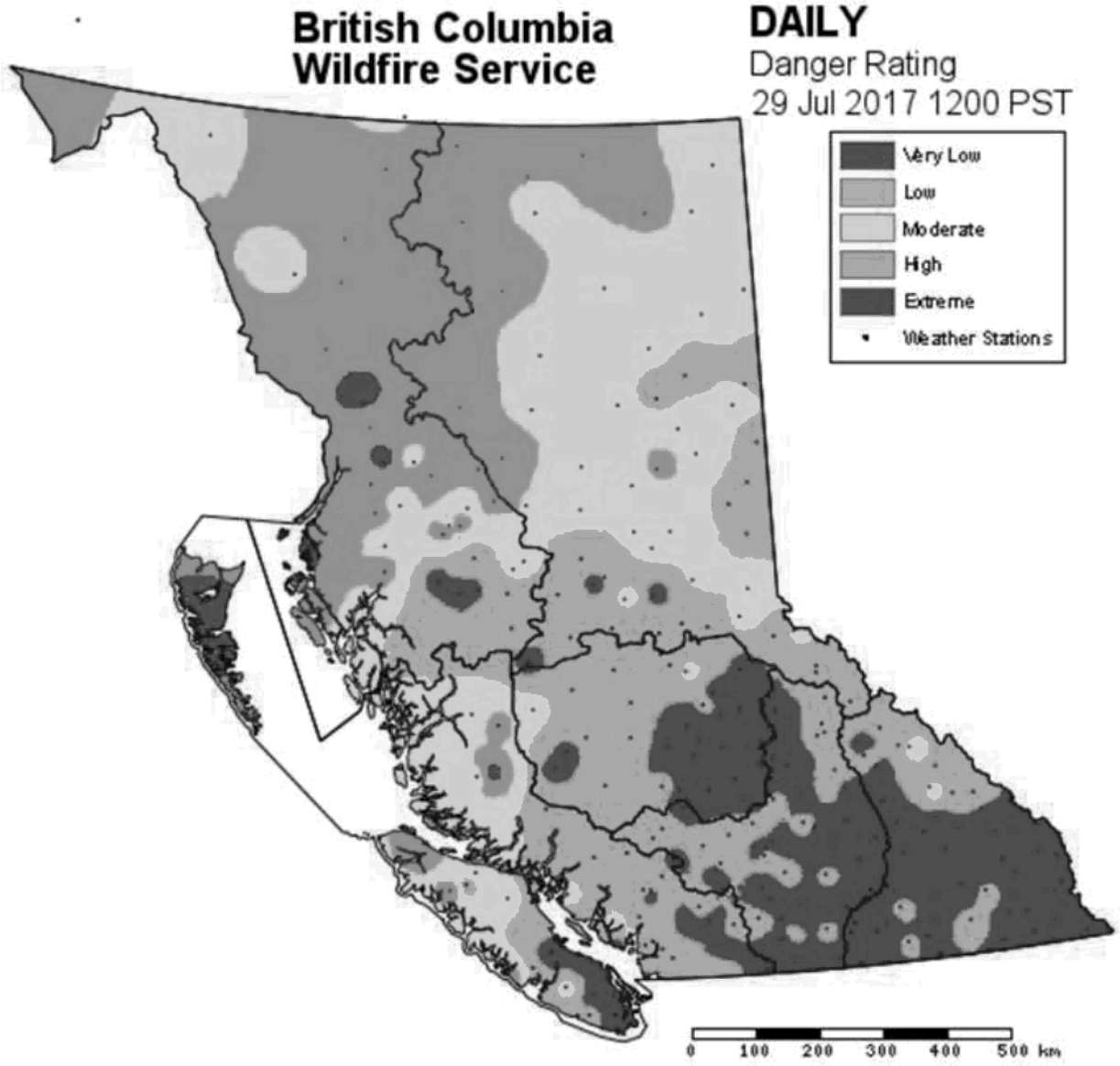
TOMORROW: Sunny with a few late afternoon clouds. Winds light and variable in the morning becoming north to southwesterly 10-15 km/h with occasional afternoon gusts to 30 km/h. MAX TEMP: 23 to 28. MIN RH: 15-25%.

CHANCE OF LIGHTNING/DRY LIGHTNING Today: 40%/20%. Tonight: 20%/10%. Tomorrow: 0%.

Venting: poor early this morning becoming good.

Fire Danger Rating

The fire danger rating (i.e. the risk of a wildfire starting) for the province is updated daily at approximately 2 pm.



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To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX
Subject: Ten Mile Opening

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Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

On Jul 27, 2017, at 10:53 PM, Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX <Krista.Dunleavey@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Sorry Jeff

I have asked for recommendations from the field on this, and will let you know what I hear.
What are your thoughts on this one?

From: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc: Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX; Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Blanket Park Closures
Importance: High

Folks,

I thought that I had passed this along but in case it wasn't, could someone please reach out to MLA Tagert regarding the closure of Big Creek Park?

Thanks

Jim

Jim Standen
Assistant Deputy Minister
BC Parks | Ministry of Environment
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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Blanket Park Closures

Jim – do you know if anyone called Jackie Tegart?

From: TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:35 PM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Blanket Park Closures

Hey Dave,

Do you what the outcome was here? Just spoke to her CA who indicated she thought this was unresolved.

Jason

Jason Macnaughton
Liaison
Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC)
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From: Tegart.MLA, Jackie [mailto:Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 17:47
To: TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Blanket Park Closures

Thanks Jeff. I have now left the office and can be reached at (250) 373-2454

From: TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX [mailto:pecc.lia1@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: July 26, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Tegart.MLA, Jackie <Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Tegart, Jackie <J.Tegart@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX <Matt.Gordon@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Blanket Park Closures

MLA Tegart – I've just heard back from the ministry and they have confirmed a senior official will

be calling you later today directly to give you an update on this issue.

JG
Jeff Groot
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From: Tegart.MLA, Jackie [mailto:Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 13:13
To: TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: FW: Blanket Park Closures

Hello Amy,
This constituent is located in Bralorne, and his business is being impacted by the Park closures. The Big Creek Park - Lorna Lake which he would like to access is well out of the extreme fire hazard zone. Could you advise who we could contact to consider having that park opened?
Thanks,
Lori

Lori Pilon
Constituency Assistant to
Jackie Tegart, MLA Fraser-Nicola
Box 279, Ashcroft BC, V0K 1A0
Office (250) 453-9726
Cell (250) 457-3344
Toll free: 1-877-378-4802
Connect with MLA Jackie Tegart

From: s.22
Sent: July 22, 2017 8:45 AM
To: Tegart.MLA, Jackie <Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Pilon, Lori <Lori.Pilon@leg.bc.ca>; s.22 @bridgerivervalley.ca>
Subject: Blanket Park Closures

Hello Jackie,

I realize that your community and others have been severely effected by this years fire season and I hope that things return to normal as soon as possible.

The blanket closure of Cariboo District Parks and the Provincial wide "state of emergency" is having a negative effect on other businesses that are seeing a pretty normal summer. Specifically, our operation area is having a great summer with a mix of sporadic rainfall and sunny days. We should be in full operation, but we are not because part of our operation area falls within the Cariboo District Parks closure (Big Creek Park - Lorna Lake) I have had multiple conversations and emails with Jeff Leahy regarding the fact that our operation area is outside of the past extreme fire hazard zone and we are over 60 kms from the nearest fire.

The concerning part is that there seems to be no thought being given to local conditions or specific operation like ours. Nor is there much information regarding this " state of emergency" protocol. There is no answer to when we will be able to go back to work. It is

obviously not based on our local conditions or the resources of specific operations. Nor is there any consultation or discussion. I keep getting the same answer: "The province is in a state of emergency and parts of the province have extreme fire hazard".

We as a business are fully aware that periodically we will see restriction due to actual forest fires or hazardous conditions in our local area. But to have our business restricted when the fires and hazards are somewhere else is totally unacceptable.

In the past, we have had the forests in our area deemed to be at an extreme fire hazard. At that time, I was able to have a conversation with Min of Forest staff, regarding our specific operation and come up with a plan that would keep us working and not create undue hazard. Today, there is no conversation, just blanket statements and closures. Which begs the question, when the bridge river valley (our operation area) faces challenging forest hazard conditions in the future, will there be meaningful discussion or will we get the word that we are shut down.

I would like nothing more, than to be able to "buy in" to reasonable strategies implemented by the provincial government, but am finding that increasing difficult.

Can you shed some light or offer suggestions on what I can do to get our staff back to work at full capacity while our local conditions are perfect for back country adventures.

Thanks for your consideration.

s.22

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From: BCWS FireK20637 Information FLNR:EX

To: s.22 ; "s.22 ; Bonaparte FN; XT:Swanson, Chad FLNR:IN; Chief Ignace; s.22 s.22 Debbie Sell (eoccommunications@tnrd.ca) s.22 Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Mycock, Jeff FLNR:IN; s.22 s.22 ; Waite, Ken FLNR:EX; s.22 Siclari, Michael FLNR:IN; s.22 Schilling, Michelle J TRAN:EX; s.22 Byrne, Patrick FLNR:EX; TRAN EMBC CTL First Nations 1 TRAN:EX; Pollard, Rachael E FLNR:EX s.22 s.22 s.22 s.22 CLHS; DK Barker; s.22 s.22 s.22 s.22 s.22

Subject: July 29 Elephant Hill Wildfire Update

Date: Saturday, July 29, 2017 10:51:22 PM

Good evening,

This afternoon we experienced strong and gusty winds on the Elephant Hill wildfire on the northeast and northwest corners that sent embers across the containment lines. Due to extreme fire behaviour and gusty winds, the fire has moved upslope towards Clinton. All available suppression options were used on the northeast and northwest corners of this fire. Currently there are night crews working on this fire.

Because of the increased fire behavior evacuation orders and alerts were recommended by the BC Wildfire Service. For more information on this please visit the Village of Clinton's website, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District's website and the Cariboo Regional District's website.

Once I have additional information I will send a subsequent email.

Rosalie MacAulay RPF
Fire Information Officer, Elephant Hill Wildfire (K20637)
BC Wildfire Service
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REPORT WILDFIRES: 1-800-663-5555 or *5555

From:	Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Green Lake Park - Park Operators and Park Ranger Evacuated tonight
Date:	Sunday, July 30, 2017 8:44:03 AM

Thanks Jeff.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2017 7:12 AM
To: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: Green Lake Park - Park Operators and Park Ranger Evacuated tonight

Angus as Victoria contact for weekend sending this your way as FYI.

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Hughes, Tom ENV:EX" <Tom.Hughes@gov.bc.ca>
> **Date:** July 30, 2017 at 1:57:21 AM PDT
> **To:** "Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX" <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>
> **Cc:** "Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX" <Steven.Hodgson@gov.bc.ca>, "Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX" <Volker.Michelfelder@gov.bc.ca>, "Hobler, Alan ENV:EX" <Alan.Hobler@gov.bc.ca>
> **Subject: RE: Green Lake Park - Park Operators and Park Ranger Evacuated tonight**

s.13,s.15

> **From:** Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> **Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2017 11:58 PM
> **To:** Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
> **Cc:** Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
> **Subject:** Re: Green Lake Park - Park Operators and Park Ranger Evacuated tonight
>
> Thanks Tom. Need to know when all are safe please
>
> Jeff Leahy

Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

On Jul 29, 2017, at 11:48 PM, Hughes, Tom ENV:EX <Tom.Hughes@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Good morning all…..
> Elephant Hill Wildfire growing:
> - Evac Order expanded to include Clinton this afternoon at 16:30 hrs.
> - Evac Order expanded to include South Green Lake at 23:00 hrs tonight.
> - Mike called PO and Park Ranger Bruce Ferguson and asked them to evacuate at 23:05 hrs.
> - They will call us as soon as they have evacuated safely.
>
> Tom
> **Tom Hughes**
> **Area Supervisor**
> **South Chilcotin, Cariboo Region**
> **BC Parks & Protected Areas Division**
> **Ministry of Environment**
> **(250)398-4931**

From:	s.22
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Pilon, Lori R LASS:EX; Tegart.MLA, Jackie LASS:EX; Deb Demare; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject:	Re: Big Creek closure exemption
Date:	Sunday, July 30, 2017 10:13:47 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png

Hello Jeff,

Any update on on the Big Creek Park closure?

I see route 20 is now open, most evacuation have returned and the closest fire to Lorna Lake is 80km away. The south end of Big Creek Park, has over the past 3 weeks consistently had a lower fire danger rating than Wells Grey Park (which was re-opend a week ago)

What specific factors would have to change for the park to reopen, or for our clients to access the south end?

Looking forward to your timely reply. It has been tough to explain to people that their trip is cancelled when the closest fire is 80km away.

Regards
s.22

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On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 7:10 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Thank you s.22 for your email. I also appreciate the support in getting our Rangers out of the backcountry.
>
> Big Creek Park has seen Extreme Danger ratings over the past couple weeks and the Province remains in a State of Emergency. At this time all Parks as well as Recreation Sites and Trails are closed to the public in the Cariboo Fire Centre.

As I mentioned in our previous call, I continue to monitor the situation on a daily basis. I will let you know if the status of the park changes and will post on BC Parks web site.

Thanks

Jeff Leahy

Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo

Ministry of Environment, BC Parks

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Cell: 250-371-1085





From: s.22
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Pilon, Lori R LASS:EX; Tegart.MLA, Jackie LASS:EX; Deb Demare
Subject: Re: Big Creek exemption

Hello Jeff,

Thank you for taking time yesterday to chat about the protocol around the Big Creek Park's current closure and specifically the concern over public safety and access / evacuation issues.

It is understandable that Wildfire BC had recommended closure of Big Creek Park due to the current fires surrounding Hwy 20 to the north. Closure of Hwy 20 would certainly constrain access / evacuation of the North end of Big Creek Park. To clarify, our clients enter and exit Big Creek Park from the south and only use the extreme southern portion. This southern portion has **not** been within an extreme fire danger rating this season and the current rating is moderate with more rain in the forecast.

Tyax Adventures has significant communication and transportation resources to allow us to safely use our current operation area in the south end of Big Creek Park and SCM Park. Including early reporting of any future wildfires and potential necessary evacuation. I believe we demonstrated this quite well last week, when immediately upon BC Parks request, we had a TA staff members track down your staff and fly them out of SCM Park in short order.

In light of the fire hazard continuing to drop in our area, I request that consideration is once again made for us to use the southern portion of Big Creek Park as the daily cancellation of business is unnecessary.

Will you contact the necessary people and make this request for us please?

Thank you.

s.22

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On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 6:22 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi s.22

The Province is currently in a State of Emergency. Big Creek is closed due to the extreme fire hazard for the area. Extreme fire hazard suggests there are extremely dry fuels and the fire hazard is very serious.

At this time I am not making any exemptions to park closures.

I understand this is a challenging time for all and appreciate your understanding.

Thanks

Jeff Leahy

Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo

Ministry of Environment, BC Parks

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22
Date: July 11, 2017 at 9:45:43 PM PDT
To: "Hughes, Tom ENV:EX" <tom.hughes@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Baillie, Craig ENV:EX" <Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Big Creek exemption

Hi Tom,

I would like to add a couple of items to our request for an exemption to the parks closure.

Firstly, we have retained an instructor and starting tomorrow our staff will begin a S100 Fire suppression and safety course. We have also upgraded our camp fire suppression equipment to include piss cans.

Secondly, one of our staff members who had traveled through the area in question last week is s.22 has been with our company for many years and s.22 s.22 s.22 offers the following appraisal of the south end of Big Creek Park;

Hi, s.22

As discussed, I travelled from Lorna Lake, down Big Creek trail and looped around, through Graveyard Valley and Elbow Pass, into South Chilcotin Mountains Park last weekend.

The Big Creek Park trails I travelled where wet and muddy, considerably more so than the areas in SMC Park, to the south. In both cases, the fire hazard, in my opinion, was moderate.

I appreciate all the issues and extremes of temperature and humidity being experienced in the Cariboo/Chilcotin regions and the strains the current fire are placing on resources. It's no surprise that BC Parks wants to limit having additional fire starts add to the problem. That said, I think there is a case to be made that the high elevation area of Lorna Lake and the high valley of Graveyard are not as high risk as the lower elevation areas nearer

to Hanceville.

Regards,

s.22

Fire Chief
s.22

Looking forward to discussing this with you further as soon as possible, we have staff that are wondering if they have a job and clients traveling from all corners of the globe to be with us.

Thanks

s.22

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From:	MacDonald, Rob V ENV:EX
To:	Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Price, Chris ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: s.15,s.22
Date:	Sunday, July 30, 2017 12:54:22 PM

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Rob MacDonald – Section Head
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Cc: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; MacDonald, Rob V ENV:EX
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> Jeff Leahy
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From: Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Stolar, Harold B FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Recreation Site Openings
Date: Sunday, July 30, 2017 1:48:56 PM

Thanks Jeff

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 30, 2017, at 1:21 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Just left s.22 another message. Relayed same messaging as I gave them previously…not opening park and again stated rationale.
> Thanks
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> **From:** Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX
> **Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2017 12:57 PM
> **To:** Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> **Subject:** Re: Recreation Site Openings
> Solid plan. You had resources there to monitor. Not the case with the Itchas.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jul 30, 2017, at 12:36 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> > Thanks Mike, for the update. Even more reason to keep areas like Itcha closed.
> > I did open the Bowron late last week under the following conditions which got support from Wildfire
> > BC Parks Measures for Public Safety
> > • BC Parks continues to monitor for public safety with 2-3 Park Rangers and up to 6 Park Operators onsite conducting regular and routine patrols
> > • BC Parks has an evacuation plan in place should Bowron Park require evacuation
> > • BC Parks monitors on an ongoing basis the number and location of parks visitors (reservation system)
> > s.22
> > Jeff
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> > **From:** Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX
> > **Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2017 12:19 PM
> > **To:** Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> > **Subject:** Fwd: Recreation Site Openings
> > FC staying strong about staying out of the bush.
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
> >
> > Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX" <Krista.Dunleavey@gov.bc.ca>
Date: July 30, 2017 at 11:23:33 AM PDT
To: "Cheverie, Desi FLNR:EX" <Desi.Cheverie@gov.bc.ca>, "Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX" <Mike.Pedersen@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hawkings, John FLNR:EX" <John.Hawkings@gov.bc.ca>, "Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX" <Bruce.Petch@gov.bc.ca>, "Ofstie, Curtis FLNR:EX" <Curtis.Ofstie@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Recreation Site Openings

Hi Desi/Curtis
Sorry for delay in responding, but spoke to Bruce yesterday. With current forecast, may be better to keep campers out of back country.
We can of course have a conversation about any specific sites, as there may be some that make sense from a safety perspective.

From: Cheverie, Desi FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX
Cc: Hawkings, John FLNR:EX; Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX; Ofstie, Curtis FLNR:EX
Subject: Recreation Site Openings

Krista / Mike, as the evacuation orders are starting to lift in certain areas we are already fielding calls as to whether or not we are opening the Rec Sites and Trails as well. Some thoughts we have are:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->keeping everything closed until the public roads are fully open (problematic now as everything out of Quesnel and 100 Mile east is open)
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->then possibly going back to East of the Fraser or Hwy 97 only as open, except for specific impacted sites and Fire Danger Ratings

Any advice is welcome as a bulk opening may not be easily done.

Desi Cheverie

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Recreation Sites and Trails BC
District Recreation Officer, Quesnel - Central Cariboo
200 640 Borland Street
Williams Lake, BC

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Telephone; 250 398 4757 Cell 250 255 7005
Fax 250 398 4836
Email; desi.cheverie@gov.bc.ca
Website. www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca

From: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; RWCOCAR HPR P FLNR:EX
Cc: RWCOCAR HPR P FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Itcha Ilgachuz Not opening
Date: Sunday, July 30, 2017 4:31:22 PM

Thanks for letting us know Jeff

Give me a call anytime if you need some information

Krista

-----Original Message-----
From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2017 1:16 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Cc: Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Itcha Ilgachuz Reopening

Hi Krista, further to the criteria that we discussed and the ongoing severity of the wildfire situation in the Cariboo, I am not considering reopening Itcha Ilgachuz at this time.

I have relayed this message to the permit holder in the park

Thanks

Jeff

-----Original Message-----
From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX
Subject: Itcha Ilgachuz Reopening

Hi Krista I am considering reopening Itcha Ilgachuz to guided trips only. The area surrounding this park is being utilized but the park itself is closed.

There are some economic hardships being felt by permit holders not being able to access the park.

What are your recommendations on opening this park to permit holders only.

Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

From: INFO, CAR FLNR:EX
Subject: Community Bulletins for the Cariboo Fire Centre - July 30, 2017
Date: Sunday, July 30, 2017 6:14:20 PM
Attachments: July 29 Nazko Quesnel East Community Update.pdf
July 30 Nazko Quesnel West Community Update.pdf
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Good evening,
Please find attached the latest community bulletins from the Cariboo Fire Centre.
Best Regards,
Cariboo Fire Centre
BC Wildfire Service

From: BCWS FireK20637 Information FLNR:EX
To: Rice, Heather M FLNR:EX
Subject: Elephant Hill fire update
Date: Sunday, July 30, 2017 10:56:11 PM

Good Evening,
This e-mail is being sent to a distribution list requesting updates on the Elephant Hill fire. If you do not want to be on this list please let me know.
This will be a quick update this evening as our Incident Management Team has just taken over this fire and we are working on a number of fronts as we move forward. As you are aware we did have increased fire activity yesterday which lead to some growth in the Elephant Fire. It is now mapped at approximately 78, 548 hectares. Crews continue to focus efforts in the proximity of Mound Rd. and along the highway 97 corridor on the west flank of the fire . The fire has moved closer to highway 97 but has not crossed Clinton Creek near Mound Rd. and has not crossed Highway 97. Structural fire fighters are patrolling 70 Mile House, down through Clinton and areas to the south. They also are patrolling the Loon Lake area. The Clinton fire camp is moving to the 100 Mile House fire camp while the Cache Creek fire camp will remain in place. These two fire camps will be well situated for firefighters to continue efforts in the north and south flanks of the fire. An additional Incident Management Team will be arriving tomorrow to assist with efforts.
Heavy equipment will focus efforts in the north building guards.
My contact information is below. We will have additional Information Officers joining us tomorrow to assist with keeping all our stakeholders informed on the Elephant Hill fire.
Please feel free to contact us with questions and we will do our best to get back to you as quickly as possible.
Thank you for your support.
Heather M. Rice, RFT
Fire Information Officer
BC Wildfire Service
Elephant Hill fire K20637
Cell: 250-306-9163

From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Chasm
Date: Monday, July 31, 2017 8:15:40 AM

Chasm has an Directors Order closing it since July 11.

Cheers,

Craig

-----Original Message-----
From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 7:45 PM
To: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Cc: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject: Chasm

Hi Craig, need to confirm but believe Chasm has active fire. Evac Order in place but need DO.

Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
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To:	MacDonald, Rob V ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Walsh, Stuart G ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; ENV PPA Regional Directors; ENV PPA Section Heads ONLY; ENV PPA RSO; ENV PPA Visitor Programs
Cc:	Ranson, David ENV:EX; Yeates, Brett T ENV:EX; Browne, Craig ENV:EX; Quin, Melissa ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: SR-KO-8 – Wildfire in Mount Assiniboine Park - Park Closure Order Reinstated
Date:	Monday, July 31, 2017 8:22:42 AM
Attachments:	EMBC BC Parks Staff Schedule.xlsx

Hi All:

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Angus

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Park

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Incident Location

- Lower Simpson & North Simpson drainages

Incident Date/Time

- July 31/2017

Incident Details

- wildfire ignition detected in Verdant Creek (Kootenay National Park) on July 15, approximately 3km from Mount Assiniboine Park boundary
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- Parks Canada (PC) continues to deploy in the north preventing fire spread over the divide into Banff NP and protecting Sunshine Village, and in the southwest to maintain the highway corridor in Kootenay NP
- BCWS has deployed on the south east and south central areas that have spread potential into the core area of Mount Assiniboine Park
- fire size is currently estimated at 4833 ha (July 28); approximately 65% of that is within Mount Assiniboine Park
- travel ban to Assiniboine Provincial Park has been lifted in the southern area of the park; northern area ban still in effect
- no BCWS staff presently in the park but a dedicated person has been assigned to liaison with PC to ensure safe and effective operations and fly the fire on a daily basis

Agency response

- a Ranger presence in the park has been maintained 24/7 since July 21
- Evacuation Alert as per Evacuation Plan triggered the pm of July 22 on the advice of the BCWS; winds gusting from the north up to 80-90 kms forecasted
- as of July 23 pm approximately 20 people were remaining in the park as a result of self/voluntary evacuation and lodge & Naiset clients rotating out
- on July 25 BCP in conjunction with Invermere Zone Fire staff rescinded the Evacuation Alert and the closure to all inbound traffic, and reverted back to the closure of the northern portion of the park only (as implemented on July 17), with a small deviation to allow access to the Sunshine Meadows trail network
- updated Fire Analysis has been finalized on July 29; Evacuation Plan updated July 30
- due to potential winds forecasted tonight and very volatile fire behaviour an Evacuation Order is being implemented effective immediately (July 31)
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Subject:	RE: SR-KO-8 – Wildfire in Mount Assiniboine Park - Park Closure Order Reinstated
Date:	Monday, July 31, 2017 8:54:27 AM

Hey, Gang, s.22 so, as per my email on Friday, please ensure that Sarah Andrews and Leah Wilcock receive all emails related to sit rep/wildfire updates, and wildfire related postings, and Lara Hurrell is included on information pertinent to GCPE.

THanks.

From: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Sent: 31 July 2017 08:22
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From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Chasm
Date: Monday, July 31, 2017 1:49:12 PM

Chasm	Tom Hughes South Cariboo/South Chilcotin Area Supervisor Work # 250-398-4931 Cell # 250-267-4239 s.22	Volker Michelfelder Acting Section Head - Parks & Protected Areas Work# 250-982-2701 Ext 2224 or 250-398-4888 Cell# 604-790-1936 s.22	Class A Park	3,145	92P.013, 014, 023			http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/chasm/	**Suppression Strategy: Full Response** in areas threatening private land-holdings to protect life and facilities, otherwise **Modified Response**. **Considerations:** Facilities include a pull out viewing area and a larger parking area with a toilet. It can be accessed by taking Highway 97 to 16 km north of Clinton, and then driving 4 km to the park on a paved road east of Highway 97.
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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: FOR REVIEW: Bullets for park closures
Date: Monday, July 31, 2017 2:30:04 PM
Importance: High

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Cc:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: FOR REVIEW: Bullets for park closures
Date:	Monday, July 31, 2017 2:57:39 PM

Revised as discussed. I will send this folks at central

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From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	Sit Rep and Org Chart
Date:	Monday, July 31, 2017 3:50:14 PM
Attachments:	Thompson Section ICS - July 31.pptx BCP - TC- SR - July 31 2017.docx

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For distribution as you see fit.

Craig

From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: MLA request for QA Parks person on closures
Date:	Tuesday, August 1, 2017 8:59:20 AM
Importance:	High

`morning Jeff – pls see below. Could you and a WMB rep do a QA session with MLAs tomorrow on their morning call? As Matt suggests, this could hopefully alleviate the endless one-off requests.

From: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 8:55 AM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc: TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: MLA request for QA Parks person on closures
Importance: High

Hey, they are asking for a QA session (teleconference) to speak to why some parks are closed / why others aren't). This is the number one issue we hear every morning. Would a parks expert be able to join an 8:30am call tomorrow to answer some qs…. Hopefully this will eliminate what would be the alternative…. Multiple calls from various MLAs

Matt Gordon
Corporate Executive Lead
Joint Information Centre
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To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
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Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 11:31:57 AM

Hi! Have you been in contact with someone from the Cariboo fire centre to participate, or did you need me to chase down from my end?
Thx,
Vivian
250 356-2475

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To: Hawkings, John FLNR:EX; Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: REQUEST - Parks/backcountry closures due to wildfires
Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 12:23:26 PM
Importance: High

Hi! EMBC hosts a daily MLA conference call at 8:30 a.m. There is a request for tomorrow that someone from BC Parks and BC Wildfire Service be available to talk about closures due to wildfire risk in the Cariboo. Jeff also suggested that it would be helpful to have a RSTBC rep available too. Are you available to call in?
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Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 1:07:14 PM

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To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Automatic reply: Ten Mile Opening
Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 1:32:08 PM

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s.22 Please contact Mark Hamm until then. Thank you.

From: Bennett, Darren J FLNR:EX
To: ENV Kamloops 1259 Dalhousie All Staff
Subject: RE: Update: building air quality issues
Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 3:06:49 PM

As a follow-up to this note, for those who find that they need to work in close proximity to the scrubbers, I have purchased a box of ear plugs for the office. These can be found on the cabinet directly beneath the vehicle key board. Please help yourself if you find that you need hearing protection.
Regards,
Darren

From: Watters, Athena FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 1:41 PM
To: ENV Kamloops 1259 Dalhousie All Staff
Subject: Update: building air quality issues

Called WSI at 1:10 p.m. to inquire on status of this request. Note on file says they are ordering more air scrubbers for tomorrow.

I've requested they see if they can close dampers or work with the HVAC system because the problem is with smoky air being pulled into the building. Requested they come onsite to look at HVAC system or contact Gordana Baric or myself. Made this request Urgent as we may not need air scrubbers if we can adjust the HVAC, also this is a health and safety issue affecting many people – 3 hrs.

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From: Bohay, Trevor FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 9:55 AM
To: ENV Kamloops 1259 Dalhousie All Staff
Subject: building air quality issues

Hi All,

On behalf of the BMC we offer this update:

- WSI has been called. The hope is that there is something that can be done to temporarily reconfigure how the HVAC system works so that smoke isn't concentrated in the building. Evidently they did something like this at 441 Columbia and it worked, so ideally something could be done here. They will respond within 3 hours. Athena will follow up and can update the BMC.
- In the interim, we are running the scrubbers.

Regarding the scrubbers which are very loud:

- They are on wheels and can be moved if needed.
- If you have to turn them off briefly to take a call, please turn them on again as soon as you are done.
- Before turning off the scrubber, please determine if you can use one of the meeting rooms or the client room for your call, so that the scrubbers can stay on.s.22
  s.22 so feel, free to use my office for calls.
- Please have patience with your colleagues regarding their short term needs to turn the scrubbers off and on.

Thanks,

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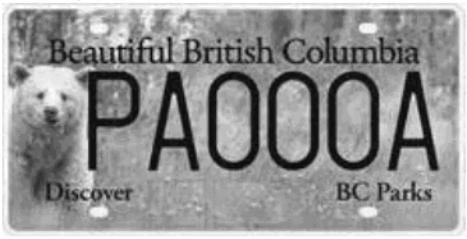
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Great. Probably don't need me but am happy to join if desired.

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From: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: my cell phone number is 604 790 1936
Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 3:59:07 PM
Attachments: image001.png

I'll drive to WL in morning (Aug 2nd)

Volker Michelfelder, RPBio, PAg

A/PPA Section Head

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From:	Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject:	RE: Ten Mile Opening
Date:	Tuesday, August 1, 2017 4:22:59 PM
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Jeff, would the IB not come from Parks for this?
Not sure what you and Krista discussed.
Mark

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 1:32 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Cc: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Ten Mile Opening

Hi Mark and Krista, I would like to open Ten Mile tomorrow morning at 8 pm. Can we get an IB prepared for opening.

Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
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Cell: 250-371-1085





From: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 3:37 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX; RWCOCAR HPR P FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Ten Mile Opening

Hi Jeff,

Following considerations for your decision whether to open Ten Mile Provincial Park:

- The Ten Mile Park has a reservation system so Parks will know who is in the park
- BCWS resources are extremely taxed, and human caused fires are a concern.
- There is a camp fire ban in place, but this park is very close to Quesnel, so enforcement should not be a concern
- The fire danger rating in Quesnel is high today, but is expected to rise with the hot weather.
- The weather forecast is continued hot weather, with a chance of lightning and wind next week (see today's forecast below)
- There are currently no wildfires in close vicinity to Ten Mile Park

Cheers
Krista

Krista Dunleavey, R.F.T.
Fire Centre Manager, Cariboo Fire Centre
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
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Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555

Valid as of 10:30am Saturday July 29, 2017

SYNOPSIS:

While general upper ridging conditions prevail, a quick shortwave upper trough will ride through the pattern later today triggering some convection through approximately the northern half of the Fire Centre, some of which will come with little to nil precipitation. The trough departs the province by tomorrow morning, leaving a flat upper ridge in its wake. In general warm and dry conditions will prevail for today and tomorrow, with winds picking up in the Chilcotin near noon today and easing near midnight, with a repeat tomorrow as the thermal trough sets up both days in the lee of the Coast range.

EAST OF FRASER

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TONIGHT: Variable cloud with clearing by midnight. Chance (20%) of an isolated shower or thundershower until approximately midnight over northeastern regions. Winds easing to light by midnight. MIN TEMP: 10 to 14. MAX RH: 60-70%.

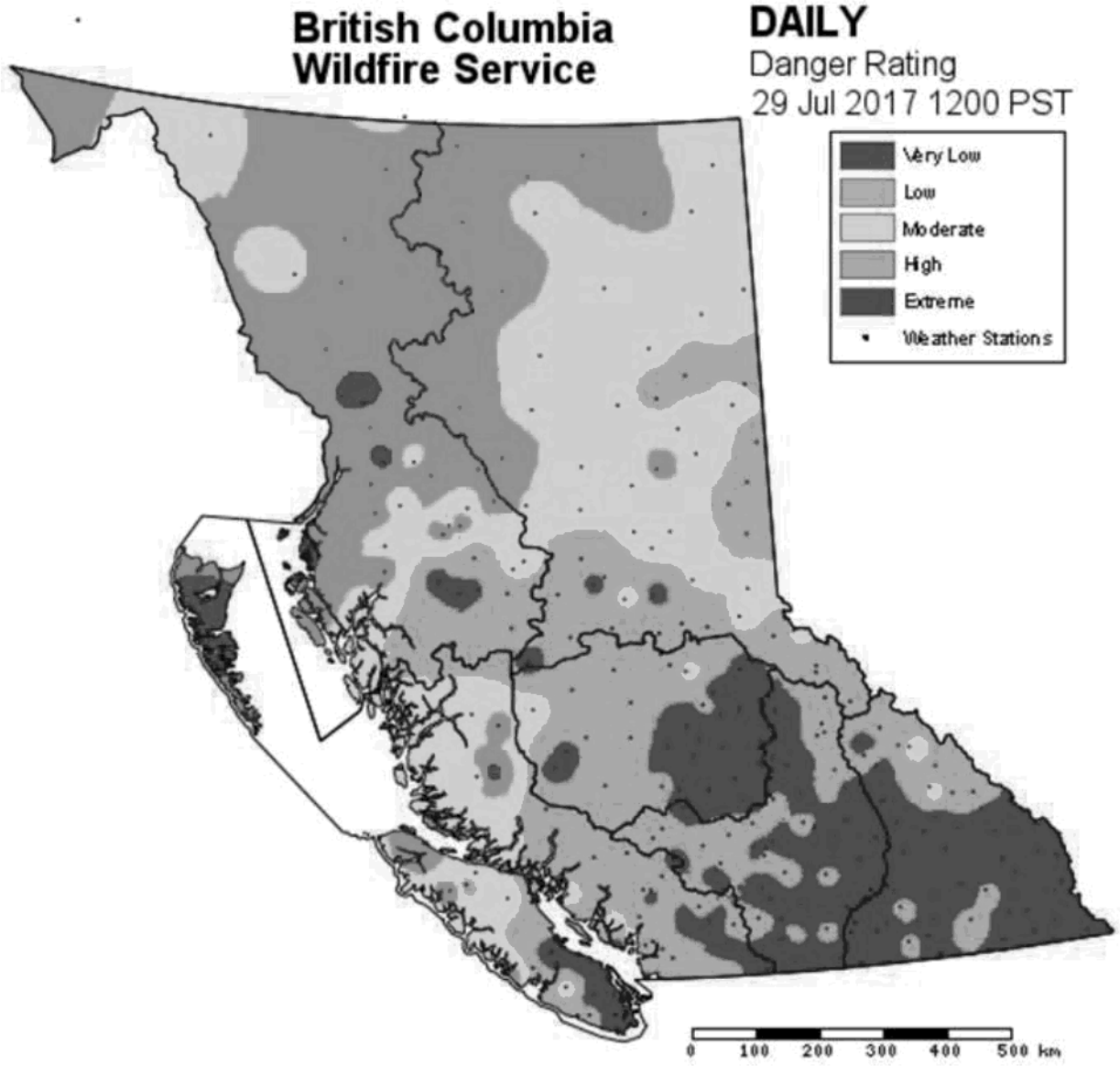
TOMORROW: Sunny with a few late afternoon clouds. Winds light and variable in the morning becoming north to southwesterly 10-15 km/h with occasional afternoon gusts to 30 km/h. MAX TEMP: 23 to 28. MIN RH: 15-25%.

CHANCE OF LIGHTNING/DRY LIGHTNING Today: 40%/20%. Tonight: 20%/10%. Tomorrow: 0%.

Venting: poor early this morning becoming good.

Fire Danger Rating

The fire danger rating (i.e. the risk of a wildfire starting) for the province is updated daily at approximately 2 pm.



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Thanks

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Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

On Jul 27, 2017, at 10:53 PM, Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX <Krista.Dunleavey@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: MLA request for QA Parks person on closures
Date:	Tuesday, August 1, 2017 4:29:25 PM

Probably not a bad idea if you did, Jim. It sounds like the MLAs may be ornery and so senior exec support for the decision makers on the ground might be helpful.

From: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: MLA request for QA Parks person on closures

Great. Probably don't need me but am happy to join if desired.

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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: Re: MLA request for QA Parks person on closures

John Hawkings and Madeline Malay are now confirmed to be on the call as well.

Dave Crebo
Communications Director
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.
(250) 812-5747 (cell)

On Aug 1, 2017, at 12:19 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Yes, Vivian is working on getting rec sites and Wildfire. I thought you meant in addition to those people you would attend on behalf of Exec
> If not I'm ok either way
>
> Jeff Leahy
> Regional Director
> Thompson Cariboo Region
> BC Parks
>
> On Aug 1, 2017, at 11:54 AM, Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

I would prefer to have WFB participate as think that we need to keep the partnership with WFB front and center in these outreach pieces. It affirms for everyone that we aren't making these decisions in isolation.

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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Cc: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: MLA request for QA Parks person on closures

Hi Jim, not a bad idea, only if you have time. Vivian is working on getting rec sites and trails and Wildfire.
Any concerns with us having ADM and not other agencies?

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

On Aug 1, 2017, at 11:08 AM, Standen, Jim ENV:EX <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Jeff, let me know if you would like me to join you on the call.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Aug 1, 2017, at 11:03 AM, Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> > Here you go, Jeff. The call is tomorrow morning at 8:30am. Pls let me know if you've any questions/concerns.
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> > **From:** Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
> > **Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2017 10:56 AM
> > **To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX
> > **Cc:** TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
> > **Subject:** RE: MLA request for QA Parks person on closures
> >
> > Below is dial in – he should dial in as a part…… yes a Wildfire rep as well. 8:30am sharp. Just be ready to explain the decisions behind closures…. And be aware of specific parks in

the caribou area. And tks!

Dial In: 1-877-353-9184

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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 10:46
To: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
Cc: TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: MLA request for QA Parks person on closures

Yes, Jeff Leahy from Cariboo parks will do the call.Assume he'll gather up a WMB rep too. Can you pls send me dial in deets, and any other info for Jeff? (ie: who is exactly on the call? What the format will be etc?)

From: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 8:55 AM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc: TRAN EMBC PECC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: MLA request for QA Parks person on closures
Importance: High

Hey, they are asking for a QA session (teleconference) to speak to why some parks are closed / why others aren't). This is the number one issue we hear every morning. Would a parks expert be able to join an 8:30am call tomorrow to answer some qs…. Hopefully this will eliminate what would be the alternative…. Multiple calls from various MLAs

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Corporate Executive Lead
Joint Information Centre
Emergency Management BC
Government of British Columbia
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To:	Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject:	RE: Ten Mile Opening
Date:	Tuesday, August 1, 2017 4:40:39 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png image005.png image006.png

Hi Mark, the process we have used for Kamloops Fire Center is we send IB request to Fire Center Managers

From: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 4:23 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Ten Mile Opening

Jeff, would the IB not come from Parks for this?
Not sure what you and Krista discussed.
Mark

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 1:32 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Cc: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Ten Mile Opening

Hi Mark and Krista, I would like to open Ten Mile tomorrow morning at 8 pm. Can we get an IB prepared for opening.

Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
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From: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 3:37 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX; RWCOCAR HPR P FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Ten Mile Opening

Hi Jeff,

Following considerations for your decision whether to open Ten Mile Provincial Park:

- The Ten Mile Park has a reservation system so Parks will know who is in the park
- BCWS resources are extremely taxed, and human caused fires are a concern.
- There is a camp fire ban in place, but this park is very close to Quesnel, so enforcement should not be a concern
- The fire danger rating in Quesnel is high today, but is expected to rise with the hot weather.
- The weather forecast is continued hot weather, with a chance of lightning and wind next week (see today's forecast below)
- There are currently no wildfires in close vicinity to Ten Mile Park

Cheers
Krista

Krista Dunleavey, R.F.T.

Fire Centre Manager, Cariboo Fire Centre
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
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Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555



Valid as of 10:30am Saturday July 29, 2017

SYNOPSIS:
While general upper ridging conditions prevail, a quick shortwave upper trough will ride through the pattern later today triggering some convection through approximately the northern half of the Fire Centre, some of which will come with little to nil precipitation. The trough departs the province by tomorrow morning, leaving a flat upper ridge in its wake. In general warm and dry conditions will prevail for today and tomorrow, with winds picking up in the Chilcotin near noon today and easing near midnight, with a repeat tomorrow as the thermal trough sets up both days in the lee of the Coast range.

EAST OF FRASER

TODAY: Sunny with increasing afternoon cloud. Chance (40%) of an isolated shower or thundershower from approximately Williams Lake northward starting late afternoon. Winds light and variable this morning becoming south to southwesterly 10-20 km/h with gusts to 30 km/h this afternoon. Variable gusts to 60 km/h vicinity convection. MAX TEMP: 26 to 30. MIN RH: 20-35%.

TONIGHT: Variable cloud with clearing by midnight. Chance (20%) of an isolated shower or thundershower until approximately midnight over northeastern regions. Winds easing to light by midnight. MIN TEMP: 10 to 14. MAX RH: 60-70%.

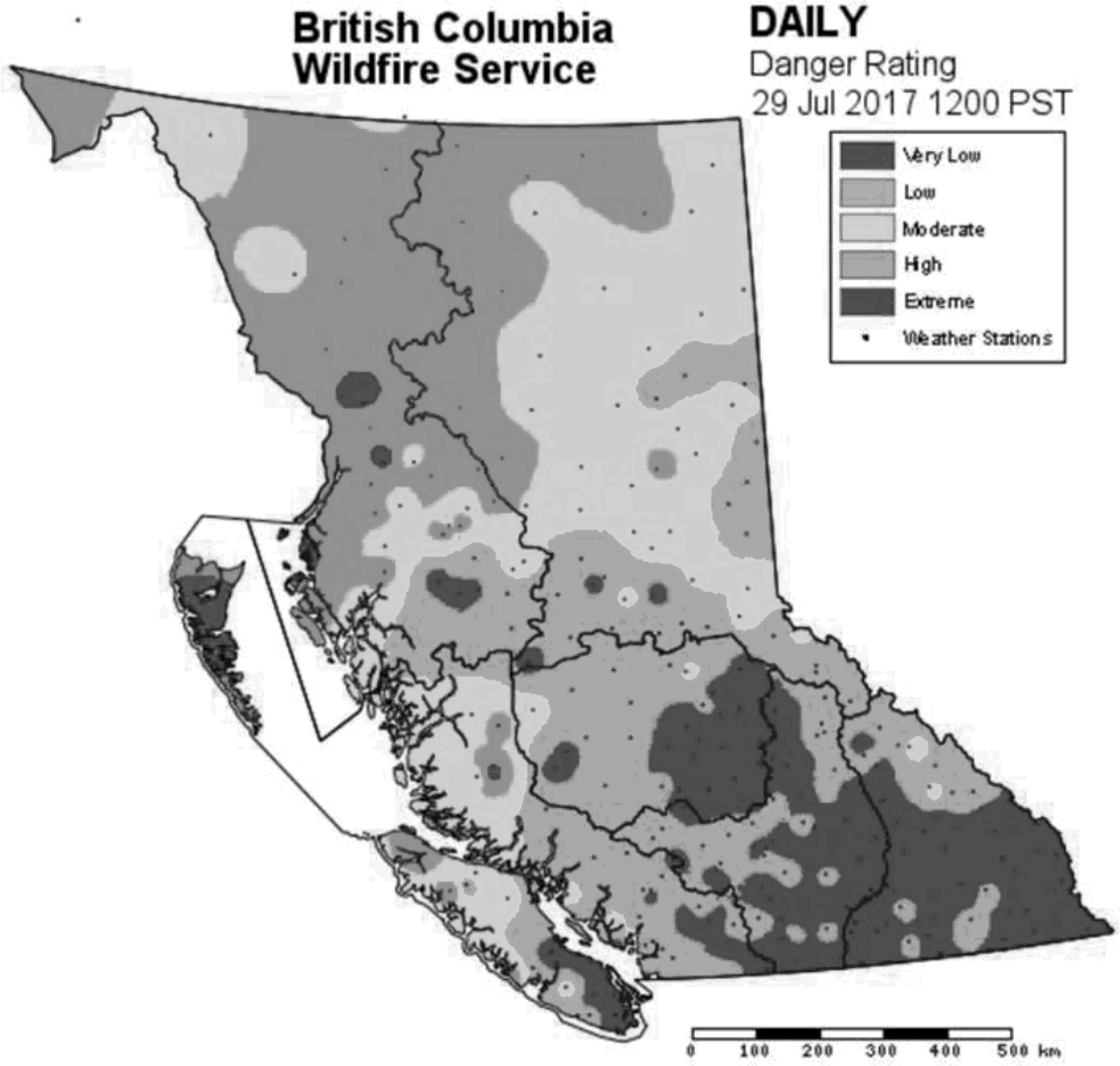
TOMORROW: Sunny with a few late afternoon clouds. Winds light and variable in the morning becoming north to southwesterly 10-15 km/h with occasional afternoon gusts to 30 km/h. MAX TEMP: 23 to 28. MIN RH: 15-25%.

CHANCE OF LIGHTNING/DRY LIGHTNING Today: 40%/20%. Tonight: 20%/10%. Tomorrow: 0%.

Venting: poor early this morning becoming good.

Fire Danger Rating

The fire danger rating (i.e. the risk of a wildfire starting) for the province is updated daily at approximately 2 pm.



From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX
Subject: Ten Mile Opening

Hi Krista, I would like to open 10 Mile campground ASAP. This is a popular 107 site front country campground 12 km north of Quesnel.
Please let me know if you have concerns with reopening
Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
To: Ranson, David ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Cc: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Call with Doug Neasloss
Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 5:43:07 PM
Attachments: image002.png

Hi Jim and David, Doug Neasloss called this aft. Doug indicated that he has been re-elected for another term.

Topics Doug Brought Forward

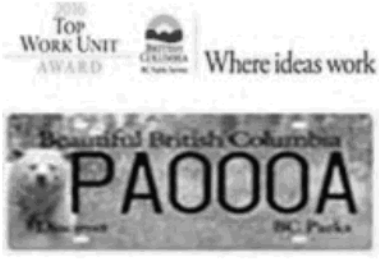
- Issue: Joint Governance – where are we at? Concern with loss of momentum given new BC Government
  - Response: Suggested Doug talk to CFN and see if there is a time MARR/Parks can update, possibly next CFN meeting?
- Issue: Planning Khuz
  - Response: Volker will get back on this plan once he is back in Planning role- beginning September
- Issue: Carrying Capacity Concerns Khutze Conservancy and areas outside conservancy.
  - Response: Need for strategic bear viewing plan across central coast to include FLNRO. Management Plan may discuss, can talk to Northern Region for operational concerns

s.22

  - Response: Im not familiar with this permit but will get someone to get back to him on this – Larry is this permit in your Region?
- Issue: Drones are being used to view wildlife. Does BC Parks have a policy
  - Response: BC Parks working on policy and will send copy if signed off
- Issue: BC Parks Staffing changes
  - Response: Introduce new central coast staff to Kitasoo asap
- Issue: Watchman Support – has had conversation with ADMs
  - Response: Not sure where we are with this conversation but will talk to Jim. We talked about investing in youth programs. I mentioned youth programs are good idea but not sure where parks is at with these types of programs. This may also come up in the conversation with Doug

Thanks

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From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
To: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: IB Cariboo FC Ten Mile PP reopening Aug 2017 v03
Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 5:59:55 PM
Attachments: IB Cariboo FC Ten Mile PP reopening Aug 2017 v03.docx
Importance: High

Hi! I'm suggesting adding the points in yellow. Any concerns?

Access to the park was temporarily restricted by BC Parks on July 11, 2017, due to increased wildfire activity and heightened fire danger ratings in many parts of the region.

No wildfires are currently burning near Ten Mile Lake Provincial Park. The park, which is close to town, also has a reservation system so all campers are easily accounted for.

The BC Wildfire Service reminds the public that open burning prohibitions (including a campfire ban) are currently in effect throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre. Everyone is urged to remain vigilant and be extremely careful with any recreational activity that could potentially spark a wildfire.

The majority of BC Parks within the Cariboo Fire Centre remain closed. Before making travel arrangements, visitors should check BC Parks website at: www.bcparks.ca

From: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
To: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; Gorrell, Heather ENV:EX; Mohr, Karen ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: My trip to Williams Lake
Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 6:25:41 PM

Since the hotels are either full or closed and I can't find my tend, I will not be able to come to Williams Lake before Thursday

Sent from my iPhone

From: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Morning MLA Meeting: Big Creek Evaluation
Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 7:34:27 AM

Thanks Jeff. Can you send me the call in details as I don't have them in my calendar?

Thanks
Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 1, 2017, at 9:55 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Hi Jim, I have evaluated the reopening of parks that MLAs may want to discuss tomorrow. Thought I best share one example with you
> Thanks
> Jeff

From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: RESP REQ"DSeymour River Fire Analyses - email 1
Date:	Wednesday, August 2, 2017 8:18:10 AM
Attachments:	Seymour River Fire Analysis Summary.docx 17 K3 SeymourPark GrowthProjections IMG 8X11P 20170718.pdf 17 K30956 Fire Analysis FS1144 Jul 17.docx image001.png image003.png image004.png image005.png image007.png
Importance:	High

From: Young, Jennifer FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:46 PM
To: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Subject: RESP REQ'DSeymour River Fire Analyses - email 1
Importance: High

Good evening Craig;

I have been asked by the Kamloops Fire Centre Operations to organize the fire analyses within KFC. There are a few fires in Seymour River Provincial Park and so I was wondering if you could review and sign the attached fire analysis for K30956. I will be sending K30957, K30958 and K30959 in a second email for review and signature. I have also attached the summary page IC Ryan Chapman I believe forwarded to you earlier along with projections for fire growth.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Jennifer

Jennifer Young
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Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555



To:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Cc:	Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX
Subject:	Risk Assessment - To MLA
Date:	Wednesday, August 2, 2017 11:23:06 AM
Attachments:	Scan_20170802.pdf

Hi Jim, I have been asked to forward this to MLAs ASAP. Document I was talking to this morning on call with MLA's. Larry is going to send this around to other RDs for comment. Dave

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Risk Assessment

Hi Larry as discussed. An example of closed and one open. Appreciate any feedback on this template. I need to send to MLA's ASAP.

Dave can you also take a look

Thanks

From: JLEAHY [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Scan From

From:	Cadden, Don ENV:EX
To:	Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Risk Assessment-Comments required by 2:00 today please.
Date:	Wednesday, August 2, 2017 11:40:54 AM

A couple of questions come to mind about the rationale for closing the two parks that might help with the decision outcome.

1. Big Creek Park – closest wildfire was 30km. Was that a significant factor in deciding whether to close this park or was it the combination of the fire hazard rating, proximity to existing wildlfires, and ease of access? It might be helpful for the form to have a summary statement that links the criteria/comments with the final decision i.e. all of these specific criteria descriptions add up to an unacceptable risk to keeping the park open.
2. Ten Mile Park – with highway access so close and a PO on site the risks seem low. What were the deciding factors to close the park? As above, having a summary statement would help with the understanding about why the park was closed given some of the individual considerations.

Don

From: Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Cadden, Don ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Risk Assessment-Comments required by 2:00 today please.
Importance: High

RDs, can you please review what Jeff has drafted, and get any comments back to him and this team by say 2:00 today, so I can run by PEC and get this document locked down for Jeff & the team.
Thanks a bunch, sorry for the short turnaround.

Regards,
Larry Boudreau
A/Executive Director, BC Parks, Regional Operations Branch
Regional Director, BC Parks Northern Region
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Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Scan From

From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	Marble Canyon
Date:	Wednesday, August 2, 2017 11:42:12 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png

A new evacuation alert has been issued north of Highway 99 which encompasses a portion of Marble Canyon. Apparently the Elephant Hill fire has jumped Highway 97 North of Highway 99. Ts'kw'aylaxw FN has initiated their EOC. This is an alert only at this time however we should be aware of the implications should the fire continue progressing. As mentioned previously there would be significant challenges closing Marble Canyon Park if Hwy 99 remains open.
I will keep you updated.
Craig

Craig Baillie
Area Supervisor
Western Mountains Area
250-371-6210
Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca

From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Scan From <Device Name>
Date:	Wednesday, August 2, 2017 12:07:24 PM

Hey guys – Matt G only wants a blank template to give to MLAs, not a completed one. Can you pls send me one, Jeff?

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Cc: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Scan From

Hi Jim, Itcha Ilgachuz came up this morning as well. See attached

Thanks

From: JLEAHY [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Scan From

From: Butler, Len ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Closure Sign
Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 2:57:58 PM

Maybe Flnro trails and rec?

Sent from my iPhone
Len Butler

On Aug 2, 2017, at 2:32 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> FYI
> Hi Len, MLA Barnett mentioned this sign in a call this morning. She indicated that RCMP are enforcing this. This is not a sign posted by ourselves or Rec Sites and trails.
> Thanks
> Jeff
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> **From:** Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
> **Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:00 AM
> **To:** Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> **Subject:** Closure Sign
> https://scontent-lga3-1.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/20479547_1991842824360872_4277764557469685143_n.jpg?oh=0475a514071a2e98d6c7c1b463e7b9ae&oe=5A2E3E5C
> **Alan Hobler**
> Section Head, BC Parks Thompson
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From: Butler, Len ENV:EX
To: Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Closure Sign
Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 3:24:01 PM

Very interesting. I will ask the guys.

Sent from my iPhone
Len Butler

On Aug 2, 2017, at 3:01 PM, Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX <Bruce.Petch@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Hi Len,
>
> This sign does not come from us and is not accurate.
>
> Bruce Petch
> Regional Manager
> Recreation Sites and Trails BC
> Kamloops
>
> On Aug 2, 2017, at 14:57, Butler, Len ENV:EX <Len.Butler@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> > > **Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:00 AM
> > > **To:** Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> > > **Subject:** Closure Sign
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From: Butler, Len ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Closure Sign
Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 3:30:37 PM

Jeff did Donna mention where the sign was? I can just about guarantee that the RCMP wouldn't be actually writing tickets or activity enforcing. We have been going flat out since July 7th and working with them and no discussions on back country.

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 2, 2017, at 2:59 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Mais no Monsieur, I already checked
>
> **From:** Butler, Len ENV:EX
> **Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2017 2:58 PM
> **To:** Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> **Cc:** Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
> **Subject:** Re: Closure Sign
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> > **From:** Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
> > **Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:00 AM
> > **To:** Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> > **Subject:** Closure Sign
> > https://scontent-lga3-1.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/20479547_1991842824360872_4277764557469685143_n.jpg?oh=0475a514071a2e98d6c7c1b463e7b9ae&oe=5A2E3E5C
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From:	Cheverie, Desi FLNR:EX
To:	Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject:	RE: Closures - public action
Date:	Wednesday, August 2, 2017 3:33:17 PM

It was not produced by Rec Sites and Trails BC and has created some issue for us as our closures only apply to Rec Sites and Trails.

Desi Cheverie

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Recreation Sites and Trails BC

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From: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 3:31 PM
To: Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX; Cheverie, Desi FLNR:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: FYI: Closures - public action

This advertisement appeared on Monday in the local newspaper. It appears to have been placed by someone wanting to encourage a closure: did not come from the CRD or City. There appears to be good support locally for keeping people out of the woods.

Mark

<< File: Back Country Ban in the Cariboo Regional District.jpg >>

-----Original Appointment-----
From: Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX; MacDougall, Gerry L FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX; Hawkings, John FLNR:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Calarco, Andrew FLNR:EX; Rasmussen, Paul FLNR:EX; Martin, Brent L FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX
Subject: Closures
When: Friday, August 4, 2017 3:00 PM-3:30 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where: Online Meeting/Conference Call - 1-877-353-9184 Particpant s.17 Moderato s.17 (MLM)

From:	Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX
To:	Cheverie, Desi FLNR:EX
Cc:	Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject:	Re: Closures - public action
Date:	Wednesday, August 2, 2017 3:52:52 PM

This confusing. We need to clarify this publicly after the call on Friday.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 2, 2017, at 3:33 PM, Cheverie, Desi FLNR:EX <Desi.Cheverie@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> It was not produced by Rec Sites and Trails BC and has created some issue for us as our closures only apply to Rec Sites and Trails.
>
> *Desi Cheverie*
>
> **Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations**
> **Recreation Sites and Trails BC**
> District Recreation Officer, Quesnel - Central Cariboo
> 200 640 Borland Street
> Williams Lake, BC
> V2G 4T1
> Telephone; 250 398 4757 Cell 250 255 7005
> Fax 250 398 4836
> Email; desi.cheverie@gov.bc.ca
> Website. www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca
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> _____
> **From:** Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
> **Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2017 3:31 PM
> **To:** Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX; Cheverie, Desi FLNR:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
> **Subject:** FYI: Closures - public action
> This advertisement appeared on Monday in the local newspaper. It appears to have been placed by someone wanting to encourage a closure: did not come from the CRD or City. There appears to be good support locally for keeping people out of the woods.
> Mark
> << File: Back Country Ban in the Cariboo Regional District.jpg >>
> -----Original Appointment-----
> **From:** Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX
> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2017 5:48 PM
> **To:** Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX; MacDougall, Gerry L FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX; Hawkings, John FLNR:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Calarco, Andrew FLNR:EX; Rasmussen, Paul FLNR:EX; Martin, Brent L FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX
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Cc:	Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	Comm Operator Letters
Date:	Wednesday, August 2, 2017 5:03:29 PM
Attachments:	Commercial Operator Letter.docx image001.png image002.png

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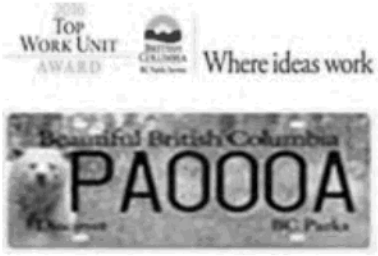
Craig Baillie
Area Supervisor
Western Mountains Area
250-371-6210
Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca



From:	Leslie Groulx
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Hi Leslie are you available tomorrow?
Date:	Wednesday, August 2, 2017 5:25:16 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Yes – after 10:30 what is up?

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 4:48 PM
To: Leslie Groulx
Subject: Hi Leslie are you available tomorrow?
Thanks
Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
PH: 250-371-6304
Cell: 250-371-1085



From: Leslie Groulx
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Hi Leslie are you available tomorrow?
Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 5:32:52 PM

Okay - sure after 10:30

-----Original Message-----
From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 5:27 PM
To: Leslie Groulx <lgroulx@docbc.ca>
Subject: Re: Hi Leslie are you available tomorrow?

Just looking at ratings. Just conversation for now

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

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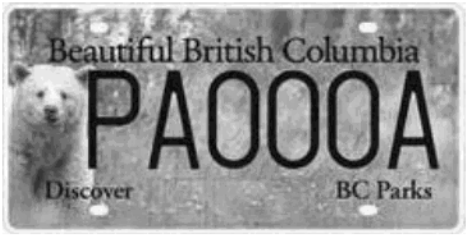
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From:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX
To:	Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Trewhitt, John ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Urgent Call at 11:00 this morning - South Area Closure
Date:	Thursday, August 3, 2017 9:44:25 AM
Attachments:	image003.png

Hints but nothing informative. I have the details from Madeline and will be on the call.

Jim Standen
Assistant Deputy Minister
BC Parks | Ministry of Environment
Telephone: 250-387-1288
jim.standen@gov.bc.ca
www.bcparks.ca



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From: Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Urgent Call at 11:00 this morning - South Area Closure

I hadn't heard anything about this Jeff, I will speak with John and decide whether I should be on this call as well. Thx

Jim had you heard anything?

Regards,

Larry Boudreau
A/Executive Director, BC Parks, Regional Operations Branch
Regional Director, BC Parks Northern Region
BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service Division
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Bus Phone-250-614-9910
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Fax-250-565-6940
E-mail: Larry.Boudreau@gov.bc.ca

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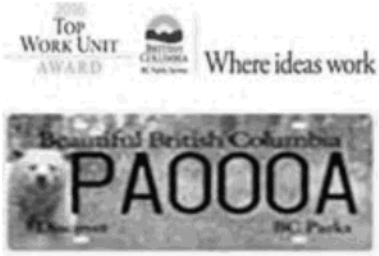
From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX
Cc: Trewhitt, John ENV:EX
Subject: Urgent Call at 11:00 this morning - South Area Closure

Madeline is having an "Urgent" call this morning at 11:00 to discuss South Area Closure.

I cant make this call. Jim or Larry do you have any insight into this?

John has been invited on call

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
PH: 250-371-6304
Cell: 250-371-1085



From:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
To:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Cc:	Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Comm Operator Letters
Date:	Thursday, August 3, 2017 10:42:28 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png

HI Craig
I have reviewed the letter, added a side line comment on a small typo and have added that additional bullet regarding the fire hazard mitigation measures we had spoken about. I saved the document in its original location.
Thanks
Heather

From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 5:03 PM
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Cc: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
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From:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
To:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Direct Tel Line in Clearwater office
Date:	Thursday, August 3, 2017 10:54:52 AM

Hi Everyone
Quick email – the direct number to the phone in the Clearwater office is: 250 5876742
Thanks
Heather

From:	Crebo, David GCPE:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Final - EMBC IB - Help prevent wildfires on the B.C. Day long weekend
Date:	Thursday, August 3, 2017 12:40:04 PM
Attachments:	2017TRAN0211-001384.pdf

This went out earlier this morning

For Immediate Release
2017TRAN0211-001384
Aug. 3, 2017

Emergency Management BC

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Help prevent wildfires on the B.C. Day long weekend

VICTORIA - With B.C. Day around the corner, everyone has a role to play in helping to prevent wildfires and having a safe, healthy long weekend.

Being aware of the status of parks and highways will help any travel plans go smoothly.

August is traditionally the most active part of the wildfire season. Given the number of fires currently burning in the province, along with elevated fire danger ratings and extremely dry conditions in many parts of the province, the BC Wildfire Service is urging British Columbians and visitors to remain vigilant regarding potential fire dangers.

From April 1 through Aug. 1, 2017, the BC Wildfire Service responded to 852 wildfires in B.C., 341 of which were caused by people. Human-caused fires - e.g., from improperly extinguished campfires, discarded cigarettes and sparking vehicles - are completely preventable and unnecessarily tie up crucial firefighting resources that could be used to deal with naturally occurring wildfires.

Campfire safety and fire-use precautions

The BC Wildfire Service continues to receive reports of illegal campfires. Campfires and open fires are banned throughout the province, with the exception of Haida Gwaii and the "Zone" on the west side of Vancouver Island. A map of the Fog Zone is available online: http://ow.ly/bCJc30caIul Fireworks are banned.

The current open-fire prohibitions do not apply to CSA-rated or ULC-rated cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to a portable campfire apparatus that uses briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel, as long as the height of the flame is less than 15 centimetres. Local governments may have their own burning restrictions or bylaws in place, so always check with local authorities before lighting any fire of any size.

The government's natural resource officers and conservation officers conduct regular patrols throughout British Columbia, monitoring high-risk activities and looking out for potential damage. These officers also work closely with BC Wildfire Service staff to investigate the cause of wildfires and any improper use of fire when an open burning prohibition is in effect. Patrols will be stepped up this weekend to educate the public about fire restrictions and issue violation tickets to people who are not complying with open burning prohibitions.

To report a wildfire or open-burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. To report suspicious activities, environmental damage or a natural-resource violation, call 1 877 952-RAPP (7277) or *7277 on a cellphone.

Detailed information about current open-fire restrictions is available on the BC Wildfire Service website: www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans

Ensuring proper maintenance on vehicles is also an important step in preventing potential risks for starting wildfires. Locked brakes, or dragging sway bars or safety chains on vehicles can create sparks.

Installing spark arrestors on all-terrain vehicles, checking the condition of mufflers, regularly clearing build-ups of grass or other vegetation from hot spots on the vehicle, staying on dirt paths and avoiding areas with tall grass and weeds will all help reduce wildfire risks. It's also important to turn off propane in recreational equipment at the tank when travelling.

More information on wildfire prevention: www.gov.bc.ca/wildfireprevention

Smoking

The BC Wildfire Service continues to receive reports of improperly discarded cigarettes. Smokers must dispose of cigarette butts and other smoking material responsibly, making sure that these materials are completely extinguished. Smokers who drop lit or smouldering cigarettes or other items could face a $575 fine under the Wildfire Act.

Fines

Anyone found in contravention of an open-burning prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for $1,150, may be required to pay an administrative penalty of $10,000 or, if convicted in court, may be fined up to $100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

Health and Wellness

Air quality in B.C. continues to fluctuate due to wildfire activity. Poor air quality can be harmful to health, especially for children, older adults, and those with heart and lung conditions. Forest-fire smoke is a complex and dynamic mixture of gases and small particles that can irritate the respiratory system and cause systemic inflammation.

Here are some tips to help minimize health effects:

* If you have a chronic condition, have rescue medication on hand at all times and a plan to follow if your rescue medication cannot bring your condition under control.

* Look for indoor environments that might be less smoky, such as shopping malls, community centres and libraries.

* Avoid physical exertion because the amount of smoke you breathe increases as your breathing rate increases.

* Keep hydrated as it helps your body deal with inflammation.

If you are feeling unwell, you can call 811, a free-of-charge provincial health information and advice phone line available in British Columbia. If you or a loved one is experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911.

For more information on health and safety, see WorkSafe BC's Wildfire Smoke FAQ online: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/what-to-do-if-evacuated-from-your-home

Know Before You Go - BC Parks

Most provincial parks remain open for recreational and camping activities. However, due to the serious nature of the current wildfire situation, BC Parks, in co-ordination with the BC Wildfire Service, has closed numerous parks to protect public safety.

Prior to closing parks, multiple factors are taken into consideration, such as weather conditions and forecasts, access routes, the presence of active fires, and fire-danger ratings. Wildfires are dynamic and circumstances can change

quickly. BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service assess situations on a daily basis.

British Columbians and visitors are urged to follow the instructions of BC Parks staff, BC Wildfire Service officials, RCMP, conservation officers and other authorized personnel in the area. See an alphabetical list of B.C. parks and their status at: www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parks/

BC Parks: www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks

Discover Camping: https://secure.camis.com/Discovercamping/

Recreation Sites and Trails BC: www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/default.aspx

Know Before You Go - Highways

Drivers can expect significantly higher traffic volumes and possible delays along provincial highways due to long-weekend travellers. All motorists are encouraged to plan their trip well in advance, allow for plenty of extra time and drive safely. For up-to-date route information, please visit: www.drivebc.ca or on Twitter: https://twitter.com/drivebc

Current Wildfire Activity

For up-to-date information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, call 1 888 3-FOREST or visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

For information on evacuation orders and alerts, stay tuned to your local authority's public information channels, as well as Emergency Info BC for updates: www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/

You can follow the latest wildfire news:

* On Twitter: http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo

* On Facebook: http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo

Contact:

Joint Information Centre
Emergency Management BC
778 698-7452

Connect with the Province of B.C. at: www.gov.bc.ca/connect

From:	Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Advanced Planning Unit wildfire question
Date:	Thursday, August 3, 2017 1:31:11 PM

Jeff,

Do you know the answer to Miranda's question below?

Sarah

From: TRAN EMBC PECC Advanced Planning Unit 1 TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Advanced Planning Unit wildfire question

Hi Sarah,

Thanks for this. Do you know how this is being used on the ground at Parks? Looks like from this email chain that the answer is no but that the messaging will be referenced as needed?

Cheers,

Miranda

PS- Thanks for doing this digging!

From: Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 13:01
To: TRAN EMBC PECC Advanced Planning Unit 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: FW: Advanced Planning Unit wildfire question

See attached – thanks

Sarah

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 12:45 PM
To: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Advanced Planning Unit wildfire question

Hi Sarah as discussed in my previous email. Please share with PREOC - see attached messaging. This is being disseminated far and wide.

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Jeff

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Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Advanced Planning Unit wildfire question

no

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Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Subject: Advanced Planning Unit wildfire question

Good morning Angus and Jeff,

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Cheers,

Sarah

From: Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Subject: Horsefly Park closure
Date: Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:37:31 PM

Hey Jeff/Angus,
The MLA Liaison just came to talk to me at PECC; the MLA in that area is concerned about the Horsefly Provincial Park closure and was wondering if there is an indication when that park may be opening. Do you have any further information ?
Sarah

From:	Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
To:	Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Horsefly Park closure
Date:	Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:49:33 PM

It's open when it's open.

From: Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:37 PM
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To:	Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Horsefly Park closure
Date:	Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:50:12 PM

Ok I will pass that information along

From: Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:50 PM
To: Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Horsefly Park closure

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Sarah

From: Merlin Blackwell
To: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: can we just ban Charcoal briquettes?...
Date: Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:54:59 PM

Afternoon,

They are apparently allowed in CSA approved "devices", which almost no one brings, and which burn the tops of picnic tables... and which is definitely not the definition of our fire pits.

It's starting to be a daily discussion with people trying to get around the campfire ban by filling fire pits with briquettes.

If not now, its something to consider at least next time. Briquettes are old technology and people tend to dump them in the bushes or our fire pits when they are done with them, even if they use a CSA approved stove. Propane campstoves are so cheap now that no one has an excuse.

Merlin

From:	Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Advanced Planning Unit wildfire question
Date:	Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:59:54 PM

From: TRAN EMBC PECC Advanced Planning Unit 1 TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:59 PM
To: Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Advanced Planning Unit wildfire question

Hi Sarah,

Sorry for being so confusing.

The question is what is specifically being handed out in Parks/Campgrounds related to the long weekend safety messaging. I understand that the JIC has issued messaging but I'm unsure what BC Parks does with that information (e.g. puts it up on website, hands it out on location, adds relevant pieces to bulletin boards at the site). Could you clarify what BC parks will do with the messaging? In the email string below it looks like one of the answers to the original question is that "No" BC Parks isn't hand anything out.

Does that help? → this is pretty low priority, and I'm only asking because it came up on a call and I said I would try to find out. ☺

Miranda

From: Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 14:35
To: TRAN EMBC PECC Advanced Planning Unit 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: FW: Advanced Planning Unit wildfire question

Hey Miranda,

Can you please clarify your question?

Sarah

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:06 PM
To: Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Advanced Planning Unit wildfire question

Just on a call. Im not sure what Miranda's question is "Looks like from this email chain that the answer is no but that the messaging will be referenced as needed?"

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From: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
To: "Nancy Oppermann"
Cc: s.22 s.22 s.22 s.22 ; loretta@xenigwetin.ca; margaret.lulua@tsilhqotin.ca; Ofstie, Curtis FLNR:EX; Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Campgrounds/Rec sites
Date: Friday, August 4, 2017 8:52:04 AM

Nancy,
I hope you are staying safe and thanks for all the good work!
Please note that the BC Parks homepage has a prominent warning about wildfire hazards and also lists Ts'il?os and all other parks in the Chilcotin as closed . I will look into any options for further communication with the public - it is probably most appropriate if such communication about overall travel/camping conditions in the Chilcotin would be released by the appropriate emergency authorities.
I will phone you to discuss further
Volker

-----Original Message-----
From: Nancy Oppermann [mailto s.22
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 7:04 PM
To: Ofstie, Curtis FLNR:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Cc s.22 s.22
loretta@xenigwetin.ca; s.22 margaret.lulua@tsilhqotin.ca
Subject: Campgrounds/Rec sites

Hi all
I'd recommend a press release/notice to discourage campers in Chilcotin.

Another fire broke out on 4500 Rd off Nemiah Rd.

Conditions are still severe and worried with Hwy 20 opening people/visitors are getting wrong idea

Remote communities off the grid are still very vulnerable.

Please advise.
Regards
Nancy Oppermann
XG Park & Rec Sites Operations Mgr
250 303 2646
Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
To:	ENV PPA Regional Directors; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
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FYI

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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Final - EMBC IB - Help prevent wildfires on the B.C. Day long weekend

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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
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To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Final - EMBC IB - Help prevent wildfires on the B.C. Day long weekend

This went out earlier this morning

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2017TRAN0211-001384
Aug. 3, 2017

Emergency Management BC

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Help prevent wildfires on the B.C. Day long weekend

VICTORIA - With B.C. Day around the corner, everyone has a role to play in helping to prevent wildfires and having a safe, healthy long weekend.

Being aware of the status of parks and highways will help any travel plans go smoothly.

August is traditionally the most active part of the wildfire season. Given the number of fires currently burning in the province, along with elevated fire danger ratings and extremely dry conditions in many parts of the province, the BC Wildfire Service is urging British Columbians and visitors to remain vigilant regarding potential fire dangers.

From April 1 through Aug. 1, 2017, the BC Wildfire Service responded to 852 wildfires in B.C., 341 of which were caused by people. Human-caused fires - e.g., from improperly extinguished campfires, discarded cigarettes and sparking vehicles - are completely preventable and unnecessarily tie up crucial firefighting resources that could be used to deal with naturally occurring wildfires.

Campfire safety and fire-use precautions

The BC Wildfire Service continues to receive reports of illegal campfires. Campfires and open fires are banned throughout the province, with the exception of Haida Gwaii and the "Zone" on the west side of Vancouver Island. A map of the Fog Zone is available online: http://ow.ly/bCJc30caIul Fireworks are banned.

The current open-fire prohibitions do not apply to CSA-rated or ULC-rated cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to a portable campfire apparatus that uses briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel, as long as the height of the flame is less than 15 centimetres. Local governments may have their own burning restrictions or bylaws in place, so always check with local authorities before lighting any fire of any size.

The government's natural resource officers and conservation officers conduct regular patrols throughout British Columbia, monitoring high-risk activities and looking out for potential damage. These officers also work closely with BC Wildfire Service staff to investigate the cause of wildfires and any improper use of fire when an open burning prohibition is in effect. Patrols will be stepped up this weekend to educate the public about fire restrictions and issue violation tickets to people who are not complying with open burning prohibitions.

To report a wildfire or open-burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. To report suspicious activities, environmental damage or a natural-resource violation, call 1 877 952-RAPP (7277) or *7277 on a cellphone.

Detailed information about current open-fire restrictions is available on the BC Wildfire Service website: www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans

Ensuring proper maintenance on vehicles is also an important step in preventing potential risks for starting wildfires. Locked brakes, or dragging sway bars or safety chains on vehicles can create sparks.

Installing spark arrestors on all-terrain vehicles, checking the condition of mufflers, regularly clearing build-ups of grass or other vegetation from hot spots on the vehicle, staying on dirt paths and avoiding areas with tall grass and weeds will all help reduce wildfire risks. It's also important to turn off propane in recreational equipment at the tank when travelling.

More information on wildfire prevention: www.gov.bc.ca/wildfireprevention

Smoking

The BC Wildfire Service continues to receive reports of improperly discarded cigarettes. Smokers must dispose of cigarette butts and other smoking material responsibly, making sure that these materials are completely extinguished. Smokers who drop lit or smouldering cigarettes or other items could face a $575 fine under the Wildfire Act.

Fines

Anyone found in contravention of an open-burning prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for $1,150, may be required to pay an administrative penalty of $10,000 or, if convicted in court, may be fined up to $100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

Health and Wellness

Air quality in B.C. continues to fluctuate due to wildfire activity. Poor air quality can be harmful to health, especially for children, older adults, and those with heart and lung conditions. Forest-fire smoke is a complex and dynamic mixture of gases and small particles that can irritate the respiratory system and cause systemic inflammation.

Here are some tips to help minimize health effects:

* If you have a chronic condition, have rescue medication on hand at all times and a plan to follow if your rescue medication cannot bring your condition under control.

* Look for indoor environments that might be less smoky, such as shopping malls, community centres and libraries.

* Avoid physical exertion because the amount of smoke you breathe increases as your breathing rate increases.

* Keep hydrated as it helps your body deal with inflammation.

If you are feeling unwell, you can call 811, a free-of-charge provincial health information and advice phone line available in British Columbia. If you or a loved one is experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911.

For more information on health and safety, see WorkSafe BC's Wildfire Smoke FAQ online: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/what-to-do-if-evacuated-from-your-home

Know Before You Go - BC Parks

Most provincial parks remain open for recreational and camping activities. However, due to the serious nature of the current wildfire situation, BC Parks, in co-ordination with the BC Wildfire Service, has closed numerous parks to protect public safety.

Prior to closing parks, multiple factors are taken into consideration, such as weather conditions and forecasts, access routes, the presence of active fires, and fire-danger ratings. Wildfires are dynamic and circumstances can change quickly. BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service assess situations on a daily basis.

British Columbians and visitors are urged to follow the instructions of BC Parks staff, BC Wildfire Service officials, RCMP, conservation officers and other authorized personnel in the area. See an alphabetical list of B.C. parks and their status at: www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parks/

BC Parks: www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks

Discover Camping: https://secure.camis.com/Discovercamping/

Recreation Sites and Trails BC: www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/default.aspx

Know Before You Go - Highways

Drivers can expect significantly higher traffic volumes and possible delays along provincial highways due to long-weekend travellers. All motorists are encouraged to plan their trip well in advance, allow for plenty of extra time and drive safely. For up-to-date route information, please visit: www.drivebc.ca or on Twitter: https://twitter.com/drivebc

Current Wildfire Activity

For up-to-date information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, call 1 888 3-FOREST or visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

For information on evacuation orders and alerts, stay tuned to your local authority's public information channels, as well as Emergency Info BC for updates: www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/

You can follow the latest wildfire news:

* On Twitter: http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo

* On Facebook: http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo

Contact:

Joint Information Centre
Emergency Management BC
778 698-7452

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From: Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX
Subject: PO email - please approve
Date: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:28:50 AM
Attachments: 2017TRAN0211-001384.pdf

Good morning Jeff/Angus,
Below is an email that I prepped to share with the Park Operators, can you please review? Let me know if you want any changes made.
Sarah
With the long weekend coming up quickly and the extremely dry conditions and extreme fire risk throughout the Province we are seeking to increase public awareness to help prevent wildfires. Attached is an information bulletin from Emergency Management BC, which details important information on the wildfire situation, as well as wildfire prevention measures.
We are requesting that Park Operators place informational signage throughout the Operating Area detailing the high fire risk and urging visitors to report wildfires or open burning violations (by calling 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a
Cellphone). **Jeff/Angus I'm asking around here to see if there is any literature that exists to disseminate**
If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.
Sincerely,
BC Parks

From: s.22
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX
Subject: Cariboo District Forest Use Restrictions
Date: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:41:19 AM

Dear Sirs - I am writing to ask why a forest use ban has not yet been implemented for the Cariboo Regional District backcountry? Given the current conditions and the extreme danger of any sort of backcountry activity, particularly motorized vehicle use, it seems unconscionable to me that a ban has not already been implemented. With the long weekend beginning and many more people traveling into recreational areas, it's a recipe for further disaster.

I would urge you to implement a ban and advertise it widely as an urgent priority. Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

s.22

From: Lloyd, Clair FLNR:EX

To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Martin, Brent L FLNR:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX; Hawkings, John FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Calarco, Andrew FLNR:EX; van Hemmen, Charles H FLNR:EX; Crampton, Ray W FLNR:EX; Byrne, Patrick FLNR:EX; Stolar, Harold B FLNR:EX; Grilz, Perry L FLNR:EX; Pressey, Josh P FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX; DeCourcy, Tara D FLNR:EX; Rasmussen, Paul FLNR:EX; Meier, Ian R FLNR:EX; Pollard, Rachael E FLNR:EX; Morello, Ray FLNR:EX; Crooks, John FLNR:EX; Krebs, John A FLNR:EX; Card, Alan FLNR:EX; Walder, Chris A FLNR:EX; Wood, Lindsey FLNR:EX; Howse, Kerri L FLNR:EX; Vanderburgh, Ken FLNR:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Nicol, Jane FLNR:EX; Mackay, Diane FLNR:EX; Hodder, Chris FLNR:EX

Subject: Restriction of vehicle use off-road - Southern Interior

Date: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:45:30 AM

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Good morning,

Following extensive discussions yesterday we will be implementing a section 12 prohibiting the use of the off-road vehicles on Crown land. **In addition**, the order is being written such that on-highway vehicles will be required remain on defined road surfaces. Any vehicles being used for emergency response, business or commercial/industrial activity is exempt. This will apply across the Kamloops, Cariboo and Southeast Fire Centres.

Information bulletin will be sent out momentarily. Order to be effective 12 noon.

Thank you,

Clair

Clair Lloyd
Issues Manager
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: 250 387-8707 | Cell: 250 812-6419
Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555



From: Trewhitt, John ENV:EX
To: ENV PPA Regional Directors; Wilson, Robert W ENV:EX
Cc: MacDonald, Rob V ENV:EX; Weston, Mark R ENV:EX
Subject: BC Parks Fire Risk Assessment Tool
Date: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:51:00 AM
Attachments: BC Parks Fire Risk Assessment.docx

I made some updates to Jeff's RFA tool as attached. Jeff, I tried to make the principles fairly generic but still capturing hopefully most of the key elements. Let me know if any of you have further comment. Otherwise we can try it out as a working doc and make improvements as we go.

John Trewhitt
Regional Director, Kootenay Okanagan Region
BC Parks | Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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john.trewhitt@gov.bc.ca
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From:	BCWS KFC Information Officer FLNR:EX
Subject:	FW: Off-road vehicles restricted in backcountry
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 11:00:43 AM
Attachments:	2017FLNR0208-001391.pdf ATV-Prohibition.jpg

Hello, here is an IB regarding motorized vehicle restrictions in the southern half of BC.

Maximilian Birkner
Information Assistant, Kamloops Fire Centre
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: 250 554-5964 | Cell: 250 318-6959
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A map of the affected areas is available online at: http://ow.ly/QTm330e9G5n

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The BC Wildfire Service is continually monitoring conditions and this prohibition may be expanded or rescinded as needed.

In addition, the public is reminded that almost all provincial parks and all recreation sites and trails within the Cariboo Fire Centre are closed due to wildfire risk. The travelling public should visit "safety tips for B.C. travellers" at: www.bcwildfire.ca

Anyone found in contravention of this off-road vehicle prohibition may be issued a violation ticket in the amount of $767. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

To report an off-road violation, call the RAPP line at: 1 877 952-7277.

Quote:

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From: Karn, David GCPE:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Messaging to Park Operators
Date: Friday, August 4, 2017 11:07:56 AM
Attachments: 2017TRAN0211-001384.pdf

Gentlemen, this came my way through our liaison at the PECC. I'm sure your aware but JIC.

dk

From: TRAN EMBC PECC Public Information 1 TRAN:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Karn, David GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Messaging to Park Operators

From: Fennell, Sarah ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:06
To: TRAN EMBC PECC Public Information 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: Messaging to Park Operators

> Good morning Kristin,

> Below is an email that I prepped to share with the Park Operators, can you please review? Let me know if you want any changes made.

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> Sincerely,

> BC Parks

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From:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
To:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX
Subject:	Letter from BC Parks Regional Director Jeff Leahy
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 11:10:49 AM
Attachments:	Commercial Operator Letter.pdf image001.png

Good Morning

Please see the attached letter from BC Parks Regional Director Jeff Leahy. BC Parks is requesting your cooperation into evacuation planning for Wells Gray Park.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Heather Steere
Senior Park Ranger – Southern Rivers
BC Ministry of Environment
Kamloops
Telephone: (250) 371-6227



From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Cudbertson, Steve ENV:EX; Dearmond, Wes ENV:EX; Erickson, Dana ENV:EX; Gorrell, Heather ENV:EX; Haughton, Tod ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX; Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; Irving, Kathy ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Klinkman, Robyn ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Liepins, Sarma I ENV:EX; Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX; Matthewman, Bree ENV:EX; McKenzie, Maureen FLNR:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Mohr, Karen ENV:EX; Nelson, Robert ENV:EX; Poulin, Valerie ENV:EX; Ramsdale, Joseph ENV:EX; Ritchie Bonar, Aaren ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Shaw, Heather ENV:EX; Smith, Bev ENV:EX; Steere, Heather ENV:EX; Stepaniuk, Daryl R ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX; Weilandt, Peter ENV:EX; Wiebe, Michelle ENV:EX; Woodruff, Mike ENV:EX; Wynnyk, Adrian ENV:EX; Zemanek, Andrea ENV:EX
Cc:	Van Damme, Kevin ENV:EX; Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Subject:	FW: Off-road vehicles restricted in backcountry
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 11:11:31 AM
Attachments:	2017FLNR0208-001391.pdf ATV-Prohibition.jpg

Please see the attached information bulletin regarding a closure of all recreational ORV use on Crown land throughout the Cariboo, Kamloops, and South East Forest Centres effective at noon today. Any parks in these areas with legal ORV use should also be closed with signage.

Please share this and get the information out.

Craig

Craig Baillie
Area Supervisor
Western Mountains Area
250-371-6210
Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca

-----Original Message-----
From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Off-road vehicles restricted in backcountry

This needs to get out to all staff on ground. Also any motorized use Parks need to have sign posted

Thanks

Jeff

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From:	Riverside Adventures & Fitness Centre
To:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX
Subject:	Re: Letter from BC Parks Regional Director Jeff Leahy
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 12:38:25 PM

OK Heather, will get back to you shortly with the requested information
Thanks
R

Robert & Liana Beaudry
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On Aug 4, 2017, at 11:10 AM, Steere, Heather ENV:EX <Heather.Steere@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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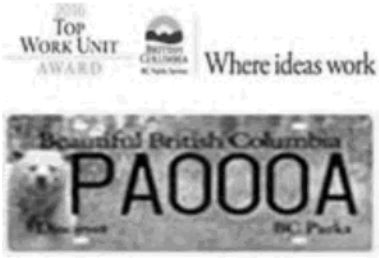
From:	Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Wells Gray IB
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 2:26:52 PM
Attachments:	20170708 - IB Wells Gray Park closure - v1.docx image001.png image002.png image004.png image005.png image006.png image008.png

Hi, Jeff.
An updated version with Rob's feedback incorporated is attached.
Thanks,
Jody

From: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 1:46 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Cc: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Wells Gray IB
Hi, Rob and Jeff.
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Thanks,

Jody Lucius
Communications Specialist, Kamloops Fire Centre
BC Wildfire Service
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Phone: 250 554-5532 | Cell: 250 318-7456
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Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
Cc: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Wells Gray IB
Jody can you do your magic please.
Thanks
Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
PH: 250-371-6304
Cell: 250-371-1085



From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 11:53 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Wells Gray IB

Info Bulletin attached for your approval.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Cc: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Wells Gray IB

Hi Craig once I look at this we can flip over to Jody and she will send up through system

Thanks

Jeff Leahy

Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo

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To:	Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject:	RE: Wells Gray IB
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Jody,
Just one very small changes made to your version as we don't want to put actual numbers in the IB. I have changed it to "numerous". I have attached the edited IB to this email. Parks is satisfied with this messaging.
Please let me know when this can be sent to websites.
Cheers,
Craig

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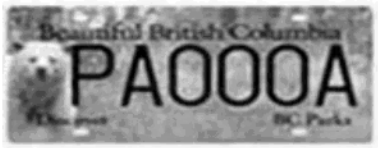
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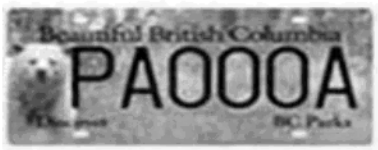




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Subject:	Marble Canyon Closure - DO
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 2:37:18 PM
Attachments:	Marble Canyon - BCP Directors Order Closure.docx image001.png image002.png

Jeff,

If you are happy with this please let me know and I will have Heather get your electronic signature on it. I can then get it posted on the web.

Craig

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Subject:	RE: Wells Gray IB
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 2:41:20 PM
Attachments:	20170708 - IB Wells Gray Park closure - v2.docx image001.png image003.png image004.png image005.png image006.png image008.png

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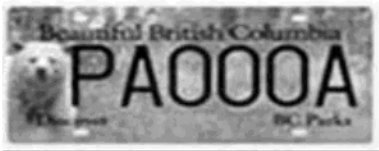
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To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: 20170708 - IB Wells Gray Park closure
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 4:02:05 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image003.png image004.png image005.png 20170708 - IB Wells Gray Park closure - v7 FLNRO.docx image002.png
Importance:	High

Jeff, see comments below. Corridor? Can we use another word?

I'm on cell if you need to reach me.

250-213-3760

From: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Karn, David GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX; Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: 20170708 - IB Wells Gray Park closure
Importance: High

Hi Dave,

We've made a few tweaks to the wording and I've asked Jody to clarify what's meant by "the corridor".

If you're OK with the attached version, we'll tee it up with the editors for regional release ASAP today.

Thanks,

Tom

From: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX
Subject: 20170708 - IB Wells Gray Park closure - v5

Hi, Vivian.
The Wells Gray IB draft for your and David Crebo's review. It's now being sent of behalf of three groups so I'm not sure what to do for media contact. Parks included the Joint Information Centre – does that work?
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From: INFO, CAR FLNR:EX
Subject: News Release: Off-road vehicles restricted in backcountry
Date: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:03:29 PM
Attachments: 2017FLNR0208-001391.pdf

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2017FLNR0208-001391
Aug. 4, 2017
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NEWS RELEASE
Off-road vehicles restricted in backcountry
KAMLOOPS - Effective at noon (Pacific time) on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, the operation of any off-road vehicle for recreational purposes on Crown land will be prohibited throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre, Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast Fire Centre. In addition, all on-highway vehicles must remain on defined road surfaces.
This step is being taken to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. The operation of any off-road vehicles in these regions during the current wildfire situation creates a potential wildfire risk. While jeeps, trucks and other on-highway vehicles are permitted on designated roads, they are not allowed off-road.
The prohibition of off-road vehicles and on-highway vehicles does not apply to private lands or national parks. It also does not apply to emergency responders or to agriculture or commercial/ industrial users who operate vehicles for farming, emergency response or business purposes.
A map of the affected areas is available online at: http://ow.ly/QTm330e9G5n
August is traditionally the most active part of the wildfire season. Given the number of fires currently burning in B.C., the elevated fire danger ratings and the extremely dry conditions in many parts of the province, the BC Wildfire Service is strongly urging British Columbians and visitors to stay out of the backcountry in these regions.
The BC Wildfire Service is continually monitoring conditions and this prohibition may be expanded or rescinded as needed.
In addition, the public is reminded that almost all provincial parks and all recreation sites and trails within the Cariboo Fire Centre are closed due to wildfire risk. The travelling public should visit "safety tips for B.C. travellers" at: www.bcwildfire.ca
Anyone found in contravention of this off-road vehicle prohibition may be issued a violation ticket in the amount of $767. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.
To report an off-road violation, call the RAPP line at: 1 877 952-7277.
Quote:
Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development - "During the current wildfire situation, it's crucial that we do everything we can to prevent human-caused wildfires. Temporarily removing off-road vehicles from the backcountry is another component of our wildfire prevention strategy."
Learn More:
To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca
You can also follow the latest wildfire news on:

* Twitter: http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo
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Subject: Re: IB Wells Gray backcountry closed
Date: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:06:36 PM

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From: Karn, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:02 PM
To: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Cc: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: IB Wells Gray backcountry closed

Just ckecing on 'Corridor'

From: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:01 PM
To: Karn, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: IB Wells Gray backcountry closed
Importance: High

Hi Dave,

I just sent you the revised version. We can get it out ASAP as soon as we get a green light from you.

Thanks,

Tom

From: Karn, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:00 PM

To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Subject: IB Wells Gray backcountry closed

Can you let me know when the IB might be sent out by WFB. My program folks want to warn their stakeholders.

From:	Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
To:	Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Subject:	RE: IB Wells Gray backcountry closed
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 4:20:02 PM

Great. Thanks, everyone.
Jody

From: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:18 PM
To: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: IB Wells Gray backcountry closed

Hi Jody,

I just spoke with Jeff and it's the highway corridor through the park. Distribution will be the same as last time:

004 – Barriere
011.5 – Clearwater
031 – Kamloops
100 Mile House
Majors

I'm setting this up now for release ASAP.

Thanks,

Tom

From: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:16 PM
To: Karn, David GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: IB Wells Gray backcountry closed

I think this one should go to the same groups.
Jeff or David, can you confirm what is meant by 'corridor' in the release?
Thanks,
Jody

From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Karn, David GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Cc: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX; Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: IB Wells Gray backcountry closed

Previous IBs on Wells Gray have gone to the following:

004 – Barriere
011.5 – Clearwater
031 – Kamloops
100 Mile House
Majors

From: Karn, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Cc: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX; Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: IB Wells Gray backcountry closed

Looping in Jeff Leahy who's the lead on the parks.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:04 PM

To: Karn, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX; Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: IB Wells Gray backcountry closed

…and where do you want the IB to go (from the following list)?

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Cc: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Subject: IB Wells Gray backcountry closed

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From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Fiddler, Robert ENV:EX; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
Subject:	Marble Canyon Closure
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 4:20:35 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png

Good Afternoon,
Can you please post a closure notice for Marble Canyon Park effective immediately (wildfire related closure). Jeff Leahy will be signing the Director's Order shortly and then I will send it to you for posting as well.
Cheers,
Craig

Craig Baillie
Area Supervisor
Western Mountains Area
250-371-6210
Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca



From:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: WG Trail Closures
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 4:49:30 PM
Attachments:	Wells Gray Backcountry Closure August 5 2017 - EXTERNAL and POSTING.docx ATT00001.htm

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This is the final copy that Craig sent me.

From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:40 PM
To: Steere, Heather ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: WG Trail Closures
In case you hadn't seen the final version.
Craig

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Baillie, Craig ENV:EX" <Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca>
> **Date:** August 4, 2017 at 4:12:02 PM PDT
> **To:** "Baillie, Craig ENV:EX" <Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca>
> **Subject: WG Trail Closures**

From:	Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
To:	Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX
Cc:	Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Subject:	RE: IB Kamloops Fire Centre partial closure of Wells Gray Provincial Park
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 4:51:50 PM
Attachments:	2017FLNR0209-001398.pdf

Hi Jody and Dave,

The attached IB was just distributed to media, so feel free to now share it with stakeholders.

Thanks,

Tom

From: Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:47 PM
To: Lucius, Jody FLNR:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Birkner, Max FLNR:EX; Hunse, Justine FLNR:EX; Skrepnek, Kevin FLNR:EX; Turcot, Ryan FLNR:EX; Catherall, Erin FLNR:EX; Saini, Navi FLNR:EX; Allen, Claire M FLNR:EX; Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX; TRAN EMBC PECC Public Information 1 TRAN:EX; TRAN EMBC PECC Public Information 2 TRAN:EX; TRAN EMBC PECC Public Information 3 TRAN:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX; Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX; Hynes, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject: IB Kamloops Fire Centre partial closure of Wells Gray Provincial Park

Hi Jody and Dave,

I've attached the Information Bulletin about the partial closure of Wells Gray Provincial Park. It will be distributed ASAP today (Aug. 4).

The Information Bulletin will also be posted on the BC Newsroom website at http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/

The ENV media line and the Kamloops Fire Centre are listed as the media contacts.

Kevin, Ryan, Erin, Navi and Claire: The text version is pasted in below.

Thanks,

Tom

Thomas Winterhoff
Public Affairs Officer
250 356-2133
Thomas.Winterhoff@gov.bc.ca
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
780 Blanshard Street, Third Floor,
Victoria, BC
V8W 9V1

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2017FLNR0209-001398
Aug. 4, 2017
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Natural Resource Operations
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BC Wildfire Service
INFORMATION BULLETIN
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For more information about the backcountry closure of Wells Gray Provincial Park and to view a detailed list of open and closed areas, please visit the BC Parks website: www.bcparks.ca

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You can also follow the latest wildfire news on:

* Twitter: http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo
* Facebook: http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo

Contacts:

Media Relations
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
250 953-3834

Media Relations
Kamloops Fire Centre
BC Wildfire Service
250 554-5965

Connect with the Province of B.C. at: www.gov.bc.ca/connect

From: BCWS KFC Information Officer FLNR:EX
Subject: IB - Kamloops Fire Centre - Partial closure of Wells Gray Provincial Park
Date: Friday, August 4, 2017 5:05:40 PM
Attachments: 2017FLNR0209-001398.pdf

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From:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX
Subject:	Partial Closure of Wells Gray Provincial Park - Help Protect Public Safety
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 6:56:02 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Good Evening

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Please refer to the information Bulletin attached for detailed information.

Thank you for your time.

Regards

Heather Steere
Senior Park Ranger – Southern Rivers
BC Ministry of Environment
Kamloops
Telephone: (250) 371-6227
Cell: (250) 318-6713



From:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX
Subject:	Wells Gray Park Partial Closure - Help Protect Public Safety - Information Bulletin Attached
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 7:00:13 PM
Attachments:	Wells Gray Park Partial Closure - Help Protect Public Safety.pdf image001.png

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From:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
To:	Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Partial Closure of Wells Gray Provincial Park - Help Protect Public Safety
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 7:02:38 PM
Attachments:	Wells Gray Park Partial Closure - Help Protect Public Safety.pdf image001.png

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From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Cc:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Wells Gray Website
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 7:12:17 PM
Attachments:	Wells Gray Park Partial Closure - Help Protect Public Safety.pdf ATT00001.txt

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Hi Leah,

Can you post the info bulletin attached to the Wells Gray website. This is a backcountry closure only. I will also send you a list of trail closures for posting shortly.

Cheers,

Craig

From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Steere, Heather ENV:EX
Subject:	Trail Closure
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 7:13:57 PM
Attachments:	Wells Gray Backcountry Closure August 5 2017 - EXTERNAL and POSTING.docx ATT00001.txt

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Hi Leah,

Can you also post this trail closure list to the Wells Gray website.

Cheers,

Craig

From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To: Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Steere, Heather ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Trail Closure
Date: Friday, August 4, 2017 7:30:29 PM

Leah,

Sorry, my bad. The separate trail closure document does not need to be attached. The first attachment I sent with the info bulletin and the trail closure in one document is the correct attachment.

My apologies

Craig

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 4, 2017, at 7:13 PM, Baillie, Craig ENV:EX <Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
>
> Hi Leah,
>
> Can you also post this trail closure list to the Wells Gray website.
>
> Cheers,
>
> Craig
> <Wells Gray Backcountry Closure August 5 2017 - EXTERNAL and POSTING.docx>
>
>
>
> Sent from my iPhone

From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Steere, Heather ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX
Subject:	Marble Canyon Webpage
Date:	Friday, August 4, 2017 7:34:15 PM
Attachments:	Order - Marble Canyon Closure.pdf ATT00001.txt

Hi Leah,

Can you please post this DO to the Marble Canyon webpage and add the park to the list of closures.

Cheers,

Craig

From:	Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Woodruff, Mike ENV:EX; Irving, Kathy ENV:EX; Mohr, Karen ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Cariboo Parks within Current Evac Order Areas
Date:	Saturday, August 5, 2017 10:29:42 AM
Importance:	High

Another Evac Order in place as of 09:30 this morning:
Faux Bay and Welcome Point in Quesnel Lk Park (North Arm of Quesnel Lake Evac Order)

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2017 8:54 AM
To: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Cc: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Cariboo Parks within Current Evac Order Areas
Great work. Thanks Tom

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

On Aug 5, 2017, at 8:26 AM, Hughes, Tom ENV:EX <Tom.Hughes@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Chilcotin
Parks North of Hwy 20 in Evac Order Areas:

- Narcosli ER,
- Kluskoil (Titetown only on alert),
- Nazko Lakes,
- White Pelican (Stum Lk),
- Fraser Breaks,
- Itcha Ilgachuz (*Not in an Evac Order area but the Eastern end of the park is directly beside an Evac Order Area*),
- Two of the access routes are within **Evac Order** Areas: Michelle-Baezaeko FSR access on the Eastern side from the community of Nazko and the Chezacut access off of Hwy 20,
- The Anahim access route off of Hwy 20 is within an **Evac Alert** area only.

Parks South of Hwy 20 in Evac Order Areas:

- Homathko River-Tatlayoko Lk access is through an **Evac Alert** Area only,
- Ts'il?os
- Tatla Lk access route is through an **Evac Alert** area only.
- Nemiah Valley access via Taseko Lk Rd.) is through an **Evac Order** area for the Stone Reserve and the 900 FSR access is also within an **Evac Order** area,
- Big Creek,
- Big Creek ER,
- Junction Sheep Range,
- Big Basin,
- Churn Creek (Only areas North of Lone Cabin Creek),

Cariboo
Parks in the South Cariboo in Evac Order Areas:

- Downing,

- Edge Hills (Area near Downing and Pear Lk only),
- Chasm,
- Chasm ER,
- Green Lk,
- Faux Bay and Welcome Point in Quesnel Lk Park (North Arm of Quesnel Lake Evac Order)

Tom Hughes
Area Supervisor
South Chilcotin, Cariboo Region
BC Parks & Protected Areas Division
Ministry of Environment
(250)398-4931

From:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
To:	"Riverside Adventures & Fitness Centre"
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Letter from BC Parks Regional Director Jeff Leahy
Date:	Saturday, August 5, 2017 11:34:58 AM

HI Robert

Thank you for these details.

Appreciate it.

Heather

From: Riverside Adventures & Fitness Centre [mailto:info@riveradventures.ca]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:36 PM
To: Steere, Heather ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Letter from BC Parks Regional Director Jeff Leahy

Evacuation and Operation Plan for RIverside Adventures Ltd (sent August 5, 2017 upon request from BC Park email Aug 4/17)

Main base is located at 58 Young Road, Clearwater (right next to the Government Liquor Store and RBC Bank)

Riverside Guest House as well as the rafting take out location is s.22 s.22 overlooking the Clearwater River

Main communication and contacts

We are a small family run operation with small groups running whitewater rafting trips on the Clearwater River (from The Kettle rapid down to town) with 2 departures a day at 9:30am - 2 pm and the North Thompson River for float trips and kayak/canoe on Dutch Lake and on the lower Clearwater river outside the Park for the kayak school. I lead and guide every raft trip myself taking place on the river, we only have one other guide to help out and one office reservation person along with 2 shuttle driver.

Our main business number that is monitored from 7 am to 10 pm daily, is 250 674 0001

An alternate number is our home phone at s.22

Emails: the best one that we monitor 4 or 5 times a day is: info@riveradventures.ca and my s.22

Evacuation Points, Procedures, Measures to prevent fire hazard:

We meet all guests at 58 Young Rd, the “Rafting & Fitness Centre”, all guests change on site on our commercial land base, given a wet suit to wear prior to driving up in the Park. We only drive 5 kms into the Park (at the 7 Km mark on the river road) 1/2 km below the Kettle Rapid at our regular put in. Upon arrival all guests have their wet suits on and there is ABSOLUTELY no smoking permitted beyond our meeting location in town at 58 Young Rd. We put our life jackets on, get a safety talk by the water and head off the river where we take our time rafting down the river to show the guests different hydrology features as well as the geology history in the Lava Canyon itself. At this time of year we dont stop at Candle Creek Falls anymore (waterfall pretty well dried up) but spend more time on the river swimming (body surfing), a little cliff jumping and eddy hoping etc During this period of dry weather, we have not done any trips above the Kettle Rapid, keeping it simple in the lower section leading into town.

We carry a piss tank, polaski and shovel in the back of the van in case we need it for fire suppresion. Again, from this time onwards to the en of this rafting season, we only operate from the Kettle down to town (taking out on our own land at our Riverside Guest House location) so the egress and evacuation route is straight forward down the wide Clearwater

River to town (no portages or stops in the forest) and of course no smoking on the river trip.
Hope this helps clarify our simple operation that takes us on our 3 hour return trip (9:30 am and 2 pm)
Attached is a basic outline of what we do

From:	Card, Alan FLNR:EX
To:	Young, Jennifer FLNR:EX
Cc:	Byrne, Patrick FLNR:EX; Raatz, Ray FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: K20637 Fire Analysis 2 Update Aug 4
Date:	Saturday, August 5, 2017 12:45:53 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png image005.png C20637_RelativeTimberValues_20170804.xls one_status_common_datasets_aoi.xlsx OneStatus_summary_K20637.xlsx

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From my perspective the overall dollar value of potential impact has not changed significantly. Updated Timber Values are as follows:

- $646,419,254 Total
- $425,537,635 within the THLB including multiple Woodlots

Additionally we have a number of Wildlife Habitat Areas, Fisheries Values, Land use Objetctive, Traplines, Guide Outfitters, OGMA's, First Nations Reserves, Milling Facilities and Parks affected (to name a few).

As this is an update to the original FA, I'm not sure of the level of detail required, but I would think that our original estimate of around the $1 Billion mark still stands.

I've attached the GIS outputs that Chris Ens ran for review.

Let me know if anyone would like further details or if the Land Manager needs to sign off on this one as well Jennifer. Thanks,

Alan Card, RPF
Resource Manager
Thompson Rivers District
Ministry of Forests, Lands and
Natural Resource Operations
W: 250-371-6502 C: 778-220-2592

From: Young, Jennifer FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:22 PM
To: Card, Alan FLNR:EX; Byrne, Patrick FLNR:EX; Raatz, Ray FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: K20637 Fire Analysis 2 Update Aug 4

Good evening Gentlemen;

Attached is the Second Wildfire Update for the Elephant Hill Fire (K20637). This update was triggered because a couple of the four trigger points were breached. Attached is the fire analysis map which outlines the new trigger points in relation to the most current perimeter that I have. Previously, Alan coordinated the resource manager comments and has graciously said he would do so again.

If you require additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

Jennifer Young
Senior Wildfire Officer Prevention – Kamloops Fire Centre
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: 250-554-5506 |
Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555

From:	BCWS FireK20637 Information FLNR:EX
To:	Rice, Heather M FLNR:EX
Subject:	Community update on the Elephant Hill wildfire
Date:	Saturday, August 5, 2017 10:47:29 PM
Attachments:	Community Wildfire News update Elephant Hill Aug 5 2017.pdf

Good Evening,
Attached is an update on the Elephant Hill Wildfire. Please feel free to contact any of the Information Officers listed below if you have any questions.

Heather M. Rice, RFT
Fire Information Officer
Elephant Hill fire K20637
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Elephant Hill Fire - Cache Creek Fire Camp
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From: Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Juniper
Date: Sunday, August 6, 2017 10:14:28 AM

I might do a drive out there today

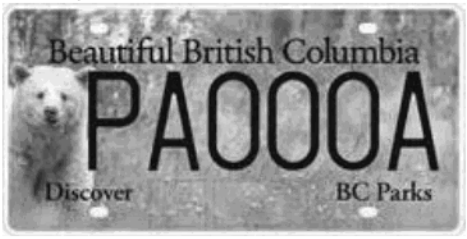
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> On Aug 6, 2017, at 10:12 AM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Hi Al just need to keep eye on Juniper. Been under alert since Friday.
>
> Holy smokey. Open doors and smoke alarms go off
>
> Jeff Leahy
> Regional Director
> Thompson Cariboo Region
> BC Parks

From: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Weekened Activity Thompson Cariboo
Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 8:44:53 AM

Thanks Jeff. Hope that you were able to get some down time this weekend.

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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 8:02 AM
To: Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: Weekened Activity Thompson Cariboo
Importance: High

Good Morning Jennie and Jim,

Staff worked the weekend patrolling for, fires, campground/backcountry closures, enforcing campfire bans, smoking and atv closure. The following are new Alert and Orders in the Region

Thompson

- Junniper Evacuation Alert (Park still open)
- Wells Gray – Partial closure starting Saturday morning August 5th

Cariboo

- Bowron – Fires on Issac showed activity on Sunday. Campsite closed on Issac. Conversation with Fire Center supported keeping Bowron open. I requested a Section 11 if we are considering closing Bowron again givennthe lodges and private in holdings
  Parks in the South Cariboo in Evac Order Areas: (All Parks closed)
- Downing,
- Edge Hills (Area near Downing and Pear Lk only),
- Chasm,
- Chasm ER,
- Green Lk,

Chilcotin (All Parks are closed)

Parks North of Hwy 20 in Evac Order Areas:

- Narcosli ER,
- Kluskoil (Titetown only on alert),

- Nazko Lakes,
- White Pelican (Stum Lk),
- Fraser Breaks,
- Itcha Ilgachuz (Not in an Evac Order area but the Eastern end of the park is directly beside an Evac Order Area),
- Faux Bay and Welcome Point in Quesnel Lk Park (North Arm of Quesnel Lake Evac Order)
- Two of the access routes are within Evac Order Areas: Michelle-Baezaeko FSR access on the Eastern side from the community of Nazko and the Chezacut access off of Hwy 20,

Parks North of Hwy 20 in Evac Alert Areas:

- The Anahim access route off of Hwy 20 is within an Evac Alert area only.
- Parks South of Hwy 20 in Evac Order Areas:
- Homathko River-Tatlayoko Lk access is through an Evac Alert Area only,
- Ts'il?os
- Tatla Lk access route is through an Evac Alert area only.
- Nemiah Valley access via Taseko Lk Rd.) is through an Evac Order area for the Stone Reserve and the 900 FSR access is also within an Evac Order area,
- Big Creek,
- Big Creek ER,
- Junction Sheep Range,
- Big Basin,
- Churn Creek (Only areas North of Lone Cabin Creek),

Thanks
Jeff

From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Cudbertson, Steve ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Dearmond, Wes ENV:EX; Haughton, Tod ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Liepins, Sarma I ENV:EX; Poulin, Valerie ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Weilandt, Peter ENV:EX; Wiebe, Michelle ENV:EX; Wynnyk, Adrian ENV:EX; Klinkman, Robyn ENV:EX; Ritchie Bonar, Aaren ENV:EX; Shaw, Heather ENV:EX; Ramsdale, Joseph ENV:EX; Zemanek, Andrea ENV:EX; Haughton, Tod ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Off-road vehicles restricted in backcountry
Date:	Tuesday, August 8, 2017 11:01:54 AM

There has been some confusion regarding the ORV closure over the Cariboo, Kamloops, and Southeast Forest Centres. This legislation is under the Wildfire Act.

In Section 12 it states:

12 (1) The minister by order may prohibit or restrict

(a) the activities that may be carried out, or

(b) the equipment, materials or substances that may be used

in a specified area and for a specified period, if the minister considers that the activities or the use are likely to cause or contribute to the spread of a fire.

(2) A person must not

(a) carry out any activities, or

(b) use any equipment, materials or substances

in contravention of an order made under subsection (1).

The fine for contravention of this legislation is listed in your Field Offense Guide as "Fail to comply with order restricting activity or use" Section 12(2) - $767.

If you have received the training from FLNRO your NRO designation grants authority for the Wildfire Act. Please ensure your NRO authorization letter shows that you have this authority before writing any tickets.

Cheers,

Craig

Craig Baillie
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-----Original Message-----
From: Cudbertson, Steve ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 9:27 AM

To: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Off-road vehicles restricted in backcountry

Hi Craig ,
Everyone here is wondering under what legislation and what short term wording we can issue the ticket for 767 dollars?. As the email does not state , should we run into this in the field Thanks Steve

-----Original Message-----
From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Cudbertson, Steve ENV:EX; Dearmond, Wes ENV:EX; Erickson, Dana ENV:EX; Gorrell, Heather ENV:EX; Haughton, Tod ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX; Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; Irving, Kathy ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Klinkman, Robyn ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Liepins, Sarma I ENV:EX; Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX; Matthewman, Bree ENV:EX; McKenzie, Maureen FLNR:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Mohr, Karen ENV:EX; Nelson, Robert ENV:EX; Poulin, Valerie ENV:EX; Ramsdale, Joseph ENV:EX; Ritchie Bonar, Aaren ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Shaw, Heather ENV:EX; Smith, Bev ENV:EX; Steere, Heather ENV:EX; Stepaniuk, Daryl R ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX; Weilandt, Peter ENV:EX; Wiebe, Michelle ENV:EX; Woodruff, Mike ENV:EX; Wynnyk, Adrian ENV:EX; Zemanek, Andrea ENV:EX
Cc: Van Damme, Kevin ENV:EX; Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Off-road vehicles restricted in backcountry

Please see the attached information bulletin regarding a closure of all recreational ORV use on Crown land throughout the Cariboo, Kamloops, and South East Forest Centres effective at noon today. Any parks in these areas with legal ORV use should also be closed with signage.

Please share this and get the information out.

Craig

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-----Original Message-----
From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Off-road vehicles restricted in backcountry

This needs to get out to all staff on ground. Also any motorized use Parks need to have sign posted

Thanks

Jeff

-----Original Message-----
From: BCWS KFC Information Officer FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 11:01 AM
Subject: FW: Off-road vehicles restricted in backcountry

Hello, here is an IB regarding motorized vehicle restrictions in the southern half of BC.

Maximilian Birkner
Information Assistant, Kamloops Fire Centre BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: 250 554-5964 | Cell: 250 318-6959 Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555

For Immediate Release
2017FLNR0208-001391
Aug. 4, 2017

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development BC Wildfire Service

NEWS RELEASE
Off-road vehicles restricted in backcountry

KAMLOOPS - Effective at noon (Pacific time) on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, the operation of any off-road vehicle for recreational purposes on Crown land will be prohibited throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre, Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast Fire Centre. In addition, all on-highway vehicles must remain on defined road surfaces.

This step is being taken to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. The operation of any off-road vehicles in these regions during the current wildfire situation creates a potential wildfire risk. While jeeps, trucks and other on-highway vehicles are permitted on designated roads, they are not allowed off-road.

The prohibition of off-road vehicles and on-highway vehicles does not apply to private lands or national parks. It also does not apply to emergency responders or to agriculture or commercial/ industrial users who operate vehicles for farming, emergency response or business purposes.

A map of the affected areas is available online at: http://ow.ly/QTm330e9G5n

August is traditionally the most active part of the wildfire season. Given the number of fires currently burning in B.C., the elevated fire danger ratings and the extremely dry conditions in many parts of the province, the BC Wildfire Service is strongly urging British Columbians and visitors to stay out of the backcountry in these regions.

The BC Wildfire Service is continually monitoring conditions and this prohibition may be expanded or rescinded as needed.

In addition, the public is reminded that almost all provincial parks and all recreation sites and trails within the Cariboo Fire Centre are closed due to wildfire risk. The travelling public should visit "safety tips for B.C. travellers" at: www.bcwildfire.ca

Anyone found in contravention of this off-road vehicle prohibition may be issued a violation ticket in the amount of $767. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

To report an off-road violation, call the RAPP line at: 1 877 952-7277.

Quote:

Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -

"During the current wildfire situation, it's crucial that we do everything we can to prevent human-caused wildfires. Temporarily removing off-road vehicles from the backcountry is another component of our wildfire prevention strategy."

Learn More:

To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

You can also follow the latest wildfire news on:

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Contact:

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Provincial Wildfire Coordination Centre
250 312-3051

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From:	Ronmark, Tracy C ABR:EX
To:	Barclay, Brent S. AGRI:EX; Byrne, Patrick FLNR:EX; Caunce, Cassandra ENV:EX; Crampton, Ray W FLNR:EX; Borth, David FLNR:EX; Duffy, Chris D TRAN:EX; Faucett, D. Brad FLNR:EX; Folk, Trent TRAN:EX; Forbes, Jim AGRI:EX; Grilz, Perry L FLNR:EX; Hill, Douglas J ENV:EX; Imus, Marc S JTST:EX; Jeffreys, Jamie FLNR:EX; Johnston, Colin FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Lorimer, Mike TRAN:EX; Marsh, Len FLNR:EX; Meays, Cindy ENV:EX; Nicol, Jane FLNR:EX; Oetter, Andy FLNR:EX; Parsons, Kate MEM:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX; Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX; Petersen, Andrew AGRI:EX; Pollard, Rachael E FLNR:EX; Pressey, Josh P FLNR:EX; Ronmark, Tracy C ABR:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX; Stafford, Jason FLNR:EX; Aldrich, Amanda FLNR:EX; Anderson, Tammy TRAN:EX; Annand, Robert B FLNR:EX; Bauche, Nicole FLNR:EX; Boskovic, Zoran O FLNR:EX; Boskovic, Zorica R FLNR:EX; Cairns, Sue C ABR:EX; Cormier, Laverne FLNR:EX; Dedels, Mike AGRI:EX; Djukic, Mile FLNR:EX; Drummond, Dawn B TRAN:EX; Galliazzo, Christine FLNR:EX; Gill, Kimmy FLNR:EX; Hicks, Kelly FLNR:EX; Hopkins, Mark FLNR:EX; Khadka, Bhupendra FLNR:EX; Klingbeil, Karl B FLNR:EX; Lawrence, Kathryn FLNR:EX; Lizee, Yvette ABR:EX; Loe, Annette ABR:EX; Lucas, Brent M FLNR:EX; Manuel, Jennifer ABR:EX; Matscha, Gabriele ENV:EX; McGuigan, Erin EAO:EX; McQueen, John FLNR:EX; Northcott, Kelly FLNR:EX; O"Sullivan, Susan FLNR:EX; Palmer, Erin FLNR:EX; Ponsioen, Martin E FLNR:EX; Schafthuizen, Jim FLNR:EX; Sherstobitoff, Mahrusa M FLNR:EX; Shumka, Pam FLNR:EX; Steves, Judy FLNR:EX; Stoudt, Rick ABR:EX; Valdal, Eric FLNR:EX; van Hemmen, Charles H FLNR:EX; Walder, Chris A FLNR:EX; Walter, Bruce D FLNR:EX; Weilandt, Peter ENV:EX; Werk, Jill E FLNR:EX; Yates, Jason FLNR:EX; Zwickel, Judith FLNR:EX
Subject:	FW: UPDATE: Disaster Impacted First Nations for Consultation purposes
Date:	Wednesday, August 9, 2017 9:46:42 AM
Attachments:	Impacted FN"s as of August 8 1900HRS.xlsx

Hello TO IAMC and CAART members,

Please find a list of fire and flood impacted FNs. Apologies for duplication.

Tracy

From: Franklin, Janice ABR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 7:10 PM
To: Mah-Paulson, May ABR:EX; TRAN EMBC PECC First Nations 1 TRAN:EX; Hunter, Charles FLNR:EX; Gunnarsen, Krista A ABR:EX; Bangert, Wilf R NRTS:EX; Barton, Sally FLNR:EX; Boyd, Wes CSNR:EX; Bronstein, Ron JTST:EX; Coley, Simon J JAG:EX; Dohan, Trish CSNR:EX; Ellis, Rose FLNR:EX; Gilmore, Christopher JTST:EX; Hansen, Brian MNGD:EX; Knowles, Paul S FLNR:EX; Laaksonen-Craig, Susanna ENV:EX; Livolsi, Patrick C TRAN:EX; Mack, James AGRI:EX; MacLaren, Les MEM:EX; Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX; Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX; McGuire, Jennifer ENV:EX; Nash, Laurel ABR:EX; Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX; O'Hanley, James G OGC:IN; Puggioni, Giovanni ABR:EX; Stagg, Chris J FLNR:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Sutherland, Craig FLNR:EX; Swan, Trevor OGC:IN; Wheler, Francesca M ABR:EX; NRS Assistant Deputy Ministers; Waters, Cory EAO:EX; 'michael.blackstock@bchydro.com'; Paulson, Ken OGC:IN; Dalton, Peter; Scott, Douglas S ABR:EX; Mayhew, Neilane ABR:EX; Nash, Laurel ABR:EX; Caul, Doug D ABR:EX
Cc: Ronmark, Tracy C ABR:EX; Poland, Peter ABR:EX; Recknell, Geoff ABR:EX; Manuel, Jennifer ABR:EX; Hutchinson, Lindsay ABR:EX; Robertson, Linda G ABR:EX; Low, Bruce ABR:EX; Lizee, Yvette ABR:EX; Gash, Michael ABR:EX; Giles, Wayne ABR:EX; O'Sullivan, Susan FLNR:EX; ABR Critical Incidents and Emergency Management Branch; GCPE Communications - Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation; McCarthy, Tom ABR:EX; Banford, Alexandra R ABR:EX; ABR CAART OMINECA; ABR CAART Skeena; ABR CAART West Coast; ABR CAARF; Lyons, Devon ABR:EX; Bauche, Nicole FLNR:EX; Chisholm, Kevin T FLNR:EX; Toews, Michael T FLNR:EX; Cofre, Conrad FLNR:EX; Duffy, Chris D TRAN:EX; Cox, Monica TRAN:EX; Dicken, Emily TRAN:EX; Howells, Emily ABR:EX; Lyttle, Shawna ABR:EX; Root, Danielle ABR:EX; French, Shawna ABR:EX
Subject: UPDATE: Disaster Impacted First Nations for Consultation purposes

Good evening,

This attached information is for internal use and provided decision makers and those who may be required to consult with First Nations who are experiencing impacts from fires or floods.

A number of changes today, which are noted in red throughout the list.

Generally, while some areas are improving we are seeing additional impacts to First Nations not directly impacted, but wanting to offer support to those who are.

Please note this information is very dynamic and prone to multiple changes throughout the day. It will be shared on a Monday-Friday basis in the evening.

If you'd like someone added to this distribution list, please advise.

Thank you,

Janice

JANICE FRANKLIN
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From: Wells Gray Adventures
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: s.22
Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 10:00:36 AM

Hello Jeff,
Thanks for meeting with us the other day in Clearwater. A face to face meeting is always better than e-mail or phone.
We appreciate being able to operate. It is a busy time of year for us and another shut down of our operations would have been nearly impossible to overcome. We are open for nine months of the year, but really make our living in the eight weeks of summer.
The smoke is coming and going but it is supposed to clear up again in the next day or so. Surprisingly, we have had some very clear days. It certainly is much better than Kamloops, which is awful. All of our mountain guides now have an in-reach system with them so we can communicate via satellite at all times. Our base station radios at the cabins are on all the time for extra communication. Everyone is tuned in to the fire hazard and we are all on guard. The nights are getting cooler in the mountains and we are getting some dew which is good.
They are calling for rain at the end of the week. Hopefully they are correct as it will help out a lot.
Best to you,

s.22 and family

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From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: s.22
Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 10:03:15 AM

Well that was a very pleasant email. They like you again!

Craig

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 9, 2017, at 10:01 AM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> FYI
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> **From:** Wells Gray Adventures [mailto:info@skihike.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2017 10:00 AM
> **To:** Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> **Subject** s.22
> Hello Jeff,
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From:	Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Situation Report: Wildfire Service helicopter accidentally drops two fuel drums in Bowron Lake Park
Date:	Wednesday, August 9, 2017 12:38:00 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Jeff – heli report not available until tonight – followed Sit Rep format recommended by Stuart Walsh- could send this off in the meantime:
Let me know what you think and I'll forward to appropriate contacts

SUBJECT

Wildfire Service Helicopter accidentally drops two fuel drums in forested area in Bowron Lake Park

Park

Bowron Lake Park

Incident Location

- Bowron Lake Park: on flight path between north end of Bowron Lake and Wolverine Bay in forested area.

Incident Date/Time

- August 9, 2017

Incident Details

- A helicopter working for the BC Wildfire Service while *en route* to deliver two 45 gallon drums of Premium Grade A fuel to Wolverine Bay in Bowron Lake Parks, accidentally dropped these drums flying over heavy timber within the park.
- The accurate location of the fuel is presently unknown because the pilot only realized the fuel was lost when the helicopter approached the destination in the park.
- Apparently the fuel was lost inflight due to a tear in the net used to sling the fuel (the slinging gear used – including the net - belongs to the helicopter company).
- This fuel delivery is part of the informal emergency collaboration between BC Parks and BC Wildfire Service. Thus no formal contract or order for fuel delivery exists.
- Fuel delivery is for boat based patrols in the park to ensure visitor safety particularly important during the regional wildfire situation.

Agency response

- BC Parks immediately notified Jim Richardson, Incident Commander East, Quesnel Area Command –East Complex, BC Wildfire Service.
- As per 12:28 pm on August 9, 2017, wildfire service helicopter is searching the area to locate the fuel drums and monitor any resultant fire danger.
- BC Parks is also working with Environment Protection (file number: DGJR 171595). Thus far, environmental protection did not recommend any action - BC Parks is standing by to execute any recommended action.
- BC Parks staff will continue to monitor the situation, support Environmental Protection and BC Wildfire Service in any responses, and provide updates as they become available.
- BC Parks staff will forward the Heli Incident Report once it becomes available (approximately at 6:00 pm, August 9th, 2017).

Volker Michelfelder, RPBio, PAg

A/PPA Section Head

Ministry of Environment, BC Parks

Thompson Cariboo Region

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From:	Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
To:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Walsh, Stuart G ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Cc:	Ranson, David ENV:EX; Yeates, Brett T ENV:EX; Browne, Craig ENV:EX; Quin, Melissa ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX
Subject:	Situation Report: helicopter accidentally drops two fuel drums in Bowron Lake Park
Date:	Wednesday, August 9, 2017 1:04:19 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

SUBJECT

Helicopter, under contract for BC Wildfire Service, accidentally drops two fuel drums in forested area in Bowron Lake Park

Park

Bowron Lake Park

Incident Location

Bowron Lake Park: on flight path between north end of Bowron Lake and Wolverine Bay in forested area.

Incident Date/Time

- August 9, 2017

Incident Details

- A helicopter under contract for the BC Wildfire Service accidentally dropped two 45 gallon drums of Premium Grade A fuel drums flying over heavy timber within Bowron Lake Park.
- The helicopter was *en route* to deliver fuel for BC Parks' regular boat based patrols in the park.
- The accurate location of the fuel is presently unknown because the pilot only realized the fuel was lost when the helicopter approached the destination in the park.
- Apparently the fuel was lost inflight due to a tear in the net used to sling the fuel (the slinging gear used – including the net - belongs to the helicopter company).

Agency response

- BC Parks immediately notified Jim Richardson, Incident Commander East, Quesnel Area Command –East Complex, BC Wildfire Service.
- As per 12:28 pm on August 9, 2017, another helicopter contracted by the BC Wildfire Service, is searching the area to locate the fuel drums and monitor any resultant fire danger.
- BC Parks is also working with Environment Protection (file number: DGJR 171595). Thus far, environmental protection did not recommend any action - BC Parks is standing by to execute any forthcoming recommended action.
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From:	BCWS FireK20637 Information FLNR:EX
To:	BCWS FireK20637 Information FLNR:EX
Date:	Wednesday, August 9, 2017 8:03:55 PM
Attachments:	17 K20637 COMMUNITY UPDATE ELEPHANT HILL AUG 9.pdf

Good evening,
Please see the attached community update for the Elephant Hill Fire. The map is the most recent that we have as the poor visibility from smoke has not allowed flights to reassess the perimeter. I am transitioning from the fire and the new Information Officer is Noelle Kekula. Her contact information is on the update.
Thank you,
Heather M. Rice, RFT
Fire Information Officer
BC Wildfire Service
Elephant Hill fire K20637
Cell: 250-306-9163

From:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX
To:	Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Cadden, Don ENV:EX
Cc:	Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Ranson, David ENV:EX; Morrison, Ken ENV:EX; Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX
Subject:	Fwd: UPDATE: Disaster Impacted First Nations for Consultation purposes
Date:	Thursday, August 10, 2017 7:39:01 AM
Attachments:	Impacted FN"s as of August 9 2030HRS.xlsx ATT00001.htm

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FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Franklin, Janice ABR:EX" <Janice.Franklin@gov.bc.ca>
Date: August 9, 2017 at 8:34:51 PM PDT
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Subject: UPDATE: Disaster Impacted First Nations for Consultation purposes

Good evening,
This attached information is for internal use and provided decision makers and those who may be required to consult with First Nations who are experiencing impacts from fires or floods.
The point noted within the Xat'sull portion of the attached document may relate to other areas – please consider strategically applying the advice to your lines of business as needed.
High risk activities info noted here:

http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/wildfire-management/prevention/for-industry-commercial-operators/high-risk-activities

Please note this information is very dynamic and prone to multiple changes throughout the day. It will be shared on a Monday-Friday basis in the evening.

If you'd like someone added to this distribution list, please advise.

Thank you,

Janice

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From: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
To: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: CBYK: Carlson - Bowron Lake evacuation
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:20:19 AM

Hi Volker:

Just listened to this interview and it's fine from my perspective. Have a listen here's the link.

http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1021757507893

Cheers, Mike.

From: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
Subject: RE: CBYK: Carlson - Bowron Lake evacuation

Ok good - thanks

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Cc: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
Subject: FW: CBYK: Carlson - Bowron Lake evacuation

I haven't listened and cant find but here is GCPE's take on it. So I wouldn't worry about it

Thanks

Jeff

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: FW: CBYK: Carlson - Bowron Lake evacuation

This was totally benign. All about this woman's experience. Only reference to BC Parks was positive, noting there's 4 or 5 rangers on the ground.

From: INFO, CAR FLNR:EX
Subject: IB - Full backcountry closure possible for the Cariboo
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:22:32 AM
Attachments: 2017FLNR0221-001421.pdf

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From: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: FW: IB - Full backcountry closure possible for the Cariboo
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:34:38 AM
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From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject: General Forest Closure - Cariboo
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:38:16 AM

On the PREOC call this morning there was discussion about a potential full closure of forest use throughout the Cariboo. There is an Info Bulletin just released that talks to this.
http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=2846
I wanted to make sure we are all aware of this potential.
We will need to consider the impacts this will have on our operations.
Craig

From:	Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
To:	FLNR Cariboo RMT; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX; Grilz, Perry L FLNR:EX; Donahue, Sean FLNR:EX
Cc:	Naeth, Lee FLNR:EX
Subject:	Possible Back Country Closure
Date:	Thursday, August 10, 2017 12:35:56 PM
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As you will know an information bulletin has gone out signalling a decision will be made on a back country closure for Cariboo region.
The decision will be made on Friday morning based on public safety, fire behaviour and weather.
We are working on Q/A's
If this is enacted, it is anticipated that it will be rescinded as soon as possible next week.
We will keep you posted.

Krista Dunleavey, R.F.T.
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From:	Wiebe, Michelle ENV:EX
To:	ENV Kamloops PPA Area Supervisors
Cc:	Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX; Steere, Heather ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	Kamloops Fire Centre - Wells Gray, etc.. (update from Les Leduc)
Date:	Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:38:45 PM
Importance:	High

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3) the KFC has been receiving calls from people in the Clearwater area regarding concerns about Wells Gray park users apparently having campfires in the Clearwater Lake area (Azure, etc.);
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That's it for now! ☺
Michelle

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From: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
To: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Kamloops Fire Centre - Wells Gray, etc.. (update from Les Leduc)
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 2:18:52 PM
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Hey Craig:
As per bullet 2). The Commercial Operators asked about propane fire pits when we re-opened the park. Therefore I suspect what people are seeing are these approved devices being used on the lake, and are then phoning the fire centre with their concerns about campfires(rather than an up close inspection). If there were campfires on the Marine system my Park Operators would be aware and bring it to our attention for compliance.
This is not the case. However, some Ranger presence out on the Marine system to ensure compliance, and have some exposure is never a bad thing. We talked about doing just that during our Operational calls this week.
Cheers, Mike.

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"Stress is hereditary..I get it from my children!"

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Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 2:06 PM
To: King, John ENV:EX
Cc: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Kamloops Fire Centre - Wells Gray, etc.. (update from Les Leduc)
Importance: High

John,

1) I have been pushing Jeff on the OT and per diem payouts that have not happened but are still owed. Do you have an up to date tabulation of OT and per diem payouts that are still owing from the Wells Gray incident so far? The only hour tracker sheet I see under Wildfire/Well Gray files stopped tracking the hours in mid-July. Is there another one or are you aware of total OT owing?
2) Is there the possibility of doing some evening patrols on the Clearwater/Azure system to check for campfires. The last thing we want now is a lazy camper letting a campfire torch our park. Is the WG boat equipped for nighttime operations? Do you have the capacity to include that in your patrols?
3) There is some talk of a Section 11 backcountry closure over the entire Cariboo Fire Zone. This would test our resources in the Cariboo and may pull staff away from Wells Gray. The decision on that closure will come on Friday morning and the closure would be effective at noon Friday.

Sorry for the challenging email.

Craig

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To: ENV Kamloops PPA Area Supervisors
Cc: Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX; Steere, Heather ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
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From: BCWS KFC Information Officer FLNR:EX
Subject: IB Kamloops FC rescind of area restriction in Dunn Lake area
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 2:30:01 PM
Attachments: 2017FLNR0222-001424.pdf

Hello
I've attached an Information Bulletin about rescinding an area restriction in the Kamloops Fire Centre. The text version is past below.
Cheers,
Max Birkner
For Immediate Release
2017FLNR0222-001424
Aug. 10, 2017
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development BC Wildfire Service
INFORMATION BULLETIN
Dunn Lake area restriction rescinded
KAMLOOPS - Due to reduced fire activity and recent progress made on the Dunn Lake wildfire by firefighting crews, the BC Wildfire Service has rescinded the area restriction order that was implemented on July 7, 2017, for the area around this fire.
As of noon on Aug. 10, 2017, this order is no longer in effect. Members of the public may once again use the area near Dunn Lake.
A map indicating where the Dunn Lake area restriction has been rescinded is available online: http://ow.ly/xPGl30ejBcE
The BC Wildfire Service is reminding the public that the Dunn Lake fire is still an active wildfire. People should remain vigilant and exercise caution while travelling in the area. An off-road vehicle (ORV) restriction is currently in effect throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre.
This wildfire is now classified as "under control" and is not expected to spread, but anyone participating in recreational activities around Dunn Lake should be aware that the area is experiencing "high" and "extreme" fire danger ratings.
The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued evacuation alerts and evacuation orders in this region. For more information, please visit: https://www.tnrd.ca/
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From:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	OT Estimation
Date:	Friday, August 11, 2017 11:02:42 AM
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Jeff,
Staff that have rotated through Wells Gray have been tracking all their hours on an excel sheet. I have fairly accurate hours from them. I have added in s.22 I s.22 will have some extra hours to add to this. There may be some adjustments due to averaging out over the 70 or 140 although some of that is captured in these numbers. I guess what I am saying is that these numbers are close to being accurate but not finalized.
I have broken the hours down by X1.5(time and a half, hours from 10-12 in a day) and X2 (double time over 12 hours).
s.22

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From:	Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
To:	RWCOCAR HPR P FLNR:EX; FLNR Cariboo RMT; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Petch, Bruce R FLNR:EX; Grilz, Perry L FLNR:EX; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX; Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Saunders, Richard FLNR:EX; Nicol, Jane FLNR:EX; Naeth, Lee FLNR:EX
Subject:	Cariboo Area restriction order
Date:	Friday, August 11, 2017 1:54:08 PM
Attachments:	CFC2017-017 FOR-14340-30 Section 11 Area Restriction SIGNED Aug 1120170811.pdf

Will send out Q/A shortly – media releases coming.

From: INFO, CAR FLNR:EX
Subject: IB - Backcountry closed in the Cariboo
Date: Friday, August 11, 2017 3:32:51 PM
Attachments: 2017FLNR0224-001428.pdf

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2017FLNR0224-001428
Aug. 11, 2017
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development BC Wildfire Service
INFORMATION BULLETIN
Backcountry closed in the Cariboo
WILLIAMS LAKE - Effective at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 11, 2017 all Crown land within the Cariboo Fire Centre is closed to public access due to the continued extreme fire danger and the number of active wildfires throughout the region.
High winds are expected to increase fire activity over the next few days.
The area restriction order means that a person must not remain in or enter the restricted area without the prior written authorization of an official designated for the purposes of the Wildfire Act, unless the person enters the area in the course of:
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d) travelling for the purpose of supporting wildfire suppression activities;
e) engaging in a commercial activity within the regular course of the person's business or employment; or,
f) participating in a commercial activity that a person described in (e) provides.
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Subject:	FW: IB - Backcountry closed in the Cariboo
Date:	Friday, August 11, 2017 4:46:38 PM
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From: INFO, CAR FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 3:33 PM
Subject: IB - Backcountry closed in the Cariboo

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2017FLNR0224-001428

Aug. 11, 2017

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development BC Wildfire Service

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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From:	Swan, Chris L ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Nicol, Jane FLNR:EX
Subject:	FW: IB - Backcountry closed in the Cariboo
Date:	Friday, August 11, 2017 5:00:28 PM
Attachments:	2017FLNR0224-001428.pdf

Hi Jeff,
Sorry we had a call at 4:28 pm today from a lady who is involved with Parks/Communication, either at the Registration Center at Bowron, or provincially for Bowron or maybe even the lodge at Bowron. We suggested that she call you for the official answer. We anticipate that we will receive many calls next week related to all sorts of activities.
From this info Bulletin it says that commercial operations can go ahead - is BC Parks a commercial operation?
Can you please let us know.
Thank you very much,
Chris

Chris Swan
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To:	Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX
Cc:	Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Wheeler, Hilary ENV:EX; EMBC PECC Operations 23, EMBC EMBC:EX; Quayle, James F ENV:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX
Subject:	BC Parks updates: Reservation Dates extended
Date:	Friday, August 11, 2017 5:22:13 PM

Good evening,
FYI. Web updates re: extended dates for Reservation Cancellations have now been completed as listed below.

The web team is on standby as needed re: any additional changes related to the Backcountry closure announced today.
Thanks - have a good weekend.
Wendy

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> **From:** "Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX" <Wendy.Magnes@gov.bc.ca>
> **Date:** August 11, 2017 at 5:08:46 PM PDT
> **To:** "XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN" <s.22 >
> **Cc:** "Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX" <Sarah.Andrews@gov.bc.ca>, "XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN" s.22
> **Subject: Re: BC Parks updates required**
>
> Fantastic! Thank you. Have a great weekend.

Heads up - I am awaiting details re: potential impacts to BC Parks related to the Backcountry closure announced this afternoon. Not sure the ETA - will send as soon as possible. Thanks.
Wendy

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On Aug 11, 2017, at 5:06 PM, Ashlin Richardson
s.22 > wrote:

> Hi Wendy-- stay safe
>
> "Note for reservation holders" updated
> http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/
>
> Thanks,
> A
>
> On Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 4:26 PM, Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
> <Wendy.Magnes@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> > FYI. Just heading into Merritt - lots of accidents, delays and sketchy cell service so will acknowledge as soon as possible.
> > Thanks
> > Wendy
> >
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> >
> > On Aug 11, 2017, at 4:24 PM, Ashlin Richardson
> > s.22

s.22 > wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Just driving off a ferry

s.22 - should have this done in 30min

A

On Aug 11, 2017 4:21 PM, "Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX" <Sarah.Andrews@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Sarah.Andrews@gov.bc.ca>> wrote:
Hi Ashlin and Shane,
Once this is completed, could you please let Wendy know?
My PEC Minutes posting confirmation can go to me.
Thank you,
Sarah

From: Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 3:35 PM
To: XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN; XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN
Subject: BC Parks updates required

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Sarah

From: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: ADM-EM update Aug 11 Backcountry Closures
Date: Friday, August 11, 2017 5:50:21 PM

Wasn't able to reach Mary-Sue but this piece from WFB sheds a little more light on their thinking.

Sent from my iPhone

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> **From:** "Tanaka, Sandra TRAN:EX" <Sandra.Tanaka@gov.bc.ca>
> **Date:** August 11, 2017 at 5:01:37 PM PDT
> **To:** "Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX" <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>, "Faganello, Tara CSCD:EX" <Tara.Faganello@gov.bc.ca>, "Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX" <MarySue.Maloughney@gov.bc.ca>, "Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX" <Matt.Gordon@gov.bc.ca>, "Nash, Laurel ABR:EX" <Laurel.Nash@gov.bc.ca>, "Standen, Jim ENV:EX" <Jim.Standen@gov.bc.ca>, "Richter, Kevin J TRAN:EX" <Kevin.Richter@gov.bc.ca>, "Turner, Robert TRAN:EX" <Robert.Turner@gov.bc.ca>, "DeLarge, Lorne MTIC:EX" <Lorne.DeLarge@gov.bc.ca>, "Bailey, Ian D MTIC:EX" <Ian.Bailey@gov.bc.ca>, "Pecknold, Clayton PSSG:EX" <Clayton.Pecknold@gov.bc.ca>, "Upton, Debi L SDSI:EX" <Debi.Upton@gov.bc.ca>, "Ritchie, CJ JTST:EX" <CJ.Ritchie@gov.bc.ca>, "McGuire, Jennifer ENV:EX" <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>, "HECC Director HLTH:EX" <HECC.DIRECTOR@GOV.BC.CA>, "Dobmeier, Teresa MCF:EX" <Teresa.Dobmeier@gov.bc.ca>, "Cocco, Angelo JTST:EX" <Angelo.Cocco@gov.bc.ca>, "Donaldson, Ian R MTIC:EX" <Ian.Donaldson@gov.bc.ca>
> **Subject: ADM-EM update Aug 11 Backcountry Closures**
>
> Hello Everyone,
> As promised on today's call, see below for the BC Wildfire Service on the Backcountry closures that was shared earlier with MDEC.
> Also, I am happy to report that meritorious service for excluded staff (wildfire 2017) was approved by both Deputies (Tim and Becky) and a meeting is being arranged for Tim and Becky to consult with Lori Halls - the Head of the PSA. The announcement is expected to go out once that meeting happens.
> Have a good weekend everyone. Note: If there is an ADM-EM meeting over the weekend you will receive a separate meeting notice.
> Cheers,
> Sandra
> **********
> Good afternoon. Please find below information from the BC Wildfire Service on s. 11 orders in the Cariboo.
> Under Section 11 of the *Wildfire Act* the Fire Centre Manager in the Cariboo has

issued an area restriction order for the Quesnel, Cariboo-Chicotin, and 100 Mile Forest Districts (the entirety of the Cariboo Fire Centre).

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This order will generally restrict the public from the backcountry, **allowing commercial activities to take place (including tourism operators)**. Closures for Rec Sites and Trails and BC Parks remain in place. The Bowron Park is covered by the s.11 order. Campers will be notified and allowed to proceed out of the restricted area.

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From: Becker's Lodge Ltd.
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Fwd: Backcountry closed in the Cariboo - BC Gov News
Date: Friday, August 11, 2017 6:47:12 PM

Hi, Jeff... I just received this. It looks to me that the Bowron Lake Circuit is included within the region that is closed but is not actually part of the prohibition area. Looking forward to hearing an update whenever you get it. Tara

Reservations

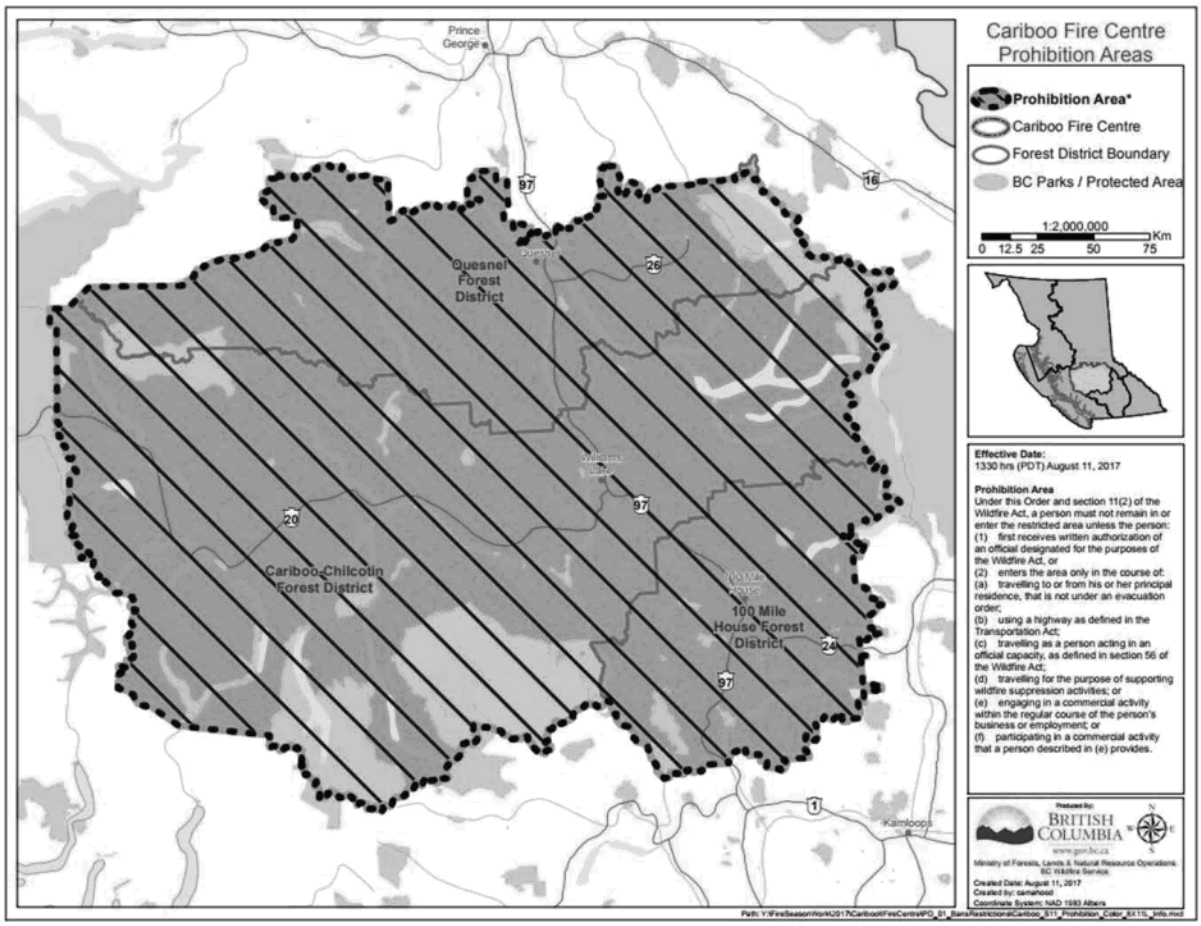
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To: Deputy Clerk , Chief Administrative Officer

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Sent: August-11-17 3:33 PM
To: CRD Directors
Cc: Janis Bell; EOC Director
Subject: FW: BC Gov News – Backcountry to be closed in the Cariboo
Good afternoon: This news release from the province came out earlier but here is a map of the area of the Cariboo Fire Centre



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Date: Friday, August 11, 2017 10:17:31 PM

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From:	Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Re: Section 11
Date:	Saturday, August 12, 2017 9:49:14 AM

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Date: 2017-08-12 9:06 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX"
Subject: Section 11

Hi Madeline, sorry to bother you with this. I haven't been able to get in touch with Mark or Krista.

Lots of questions from public and businesses on how Section 11 impacts parks or if I need to evacuate Bowron.

Any help would be appreciated

Thanks

Jeff Leahy
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Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

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> **Date:** August 11, 2017 at 10:17:29 PM PDT
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To:	Griffin, Ebony ENV:EX
Subject:	Daily Wildfire Situation Report - August 12, 2017
Date:	Saturday, August 12, 2017 1:16:34 PM
Attachments:	Daily Wildfire Situation Report - August 12, 2017.pdf

Good afternoon,

Today's Daily Wildfire Situation Report is attached to this email.

Cheers,

Ebony Griffin
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From:	Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
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Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
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Date:	Saturday, August 12, 2017 1:37:03 PM
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Sounds good Eric.
We will chat tomorrow Jeff (or today if you want)
Thanks.

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To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: UPDATE: BC Parks with the Cariboo FIre Centre
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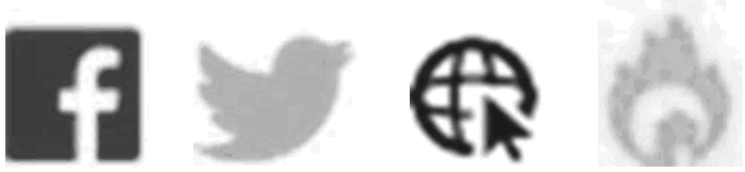
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To: Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: UPDATE: BC Parks with the Cariboo FIre Centre
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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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From: "Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX"
Date: 2017-08-13 9:42 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX" , "Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX"
Subject: FW: UPDATE: BC Parks with the Cariboo FIre Centre

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To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX
Subject:	Re: UPDATE: BC Parks with the Cariboo FIre Centre
Date:	Sunday, August 13, 2017 11:30:50 AM
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Sounds good

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Date: 2017-08-13 11:11 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX"
Cc: "Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX"
Subject: Re: UPDATE: BC Parks with the Cariboo FIre Centre

Ten Mile was reopened with your support around same time Bowron was reopened

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

On Aug 13, 2017, at 10:26 AM, Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX <Krista.Dunleavey@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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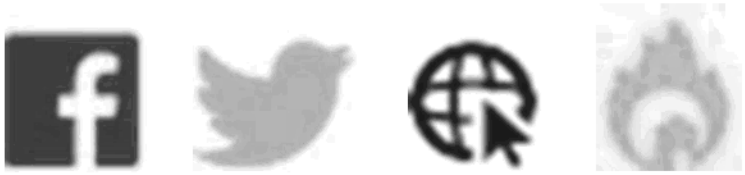
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Subject: bowron etc
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Hi Jeff/Krista

This is what went into the ministers briefing for today

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- There is a cumulative total of **67** park closures, **248** site closures and **87** trail closures provincially.
  - A full list of park closures can be found here: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/
  - A full list of current site and trail closures can be found here: http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/closures.aspx
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To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Date: Sunday, August 13, 2017 8:41:09 PM

Hi Jeff
I am sorry, I was in meetings this morning and am just now catching up on email.
Not sure why requests are being sent directly to an information officer? They should be coming to management within the fire centre the park is in (who will check in with the IMT).
If you have opened multiple parks can you let me know ASAP as I need to brief Madeline.
Krista

From: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 8:29 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
FYI – It would be better if requests came through you to me? I didn't see this early
Is Puntchesacut now open?

From: Kopetski, Eric FLNR:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Yes, I agree.

From: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 5:28 PM
To: Kopetski, Eric FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High
Do you agree with the Puntchesacut Park?
Re campfire ban, access/egress, ability for enforcement?
Not sure that park has a full time attendant.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:38 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High
As requested

From: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High
Green light for Ten Mile, Pinnacles and Puntchesakut Lake Parks.

From: Martin, Alison FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; TRAN EMBC NEA PREOC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX; TRAN EMBC NEA PREOC Operations 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Hi Tom,

I've spoken with our Operations Manager and Incident Commander, there are no active fires in the Ten Mile Lake Park, Pinnacles Park or Puntchesakut Lake Park areas and therefore there are no concerns from the Quesnel East Incident Management Team in relation to reopening these parks.

Thanks
Ali
Alison Martin
Information Officer
Fires East of the Nazko River
Quesnel Fire Zone
Phone: 250-617-7890
Email: alison.martin@gov.bc.ca

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:16 AM
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Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High

Good morning,
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We are considering re-opening:

- Ten Mile Lake Park which is 11 km NNE of Quesnel on Hwy 97. (Not in Evac Alert area.)
- Pinnacles Park on Pinnacles Road which is 5 km W of Quesnel. (Not in Evac Alert area.)
- Puntchesakut Lake Park which is 30 km's W of Quesnel on the Nazko Hwy. (Not in Evac Alert area.)
- Lac La Hache Park which is at the N end of Lac La Hache (Currently in Evac Alert area.)
- Bridge Lake Park which is 44 km's SE of 100 Mile House on Hwy 24. (Currently in Evac Alert area.)

Any concerns please let me know.
Thank you,
Tom
Tom Hughes
Area Supervisor
South Chilcotin, Cariboo Region
BC Parks & Protected Areas Division
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(250)398-4931

From: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:03 AM
To: TRAN EMBC CTL PREOC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Cc: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Subject: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High

Hi Karen,
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- Downing Park on Kelly Lake which is 16 km West of Clinton on the Clinton-Pavilion Road (Kelly Lk Rd.).
- Big Bar Lake Park on Big Bar Road which is 30 km NW of Clinton.

Thanks,

Tom

Tom Hughes
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From: TRAN EMBC CTL PREOC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:06 PM
Subject: Central PREOC Situation Report #87 for today, Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Kindly find attached the Situation Report **#87** and associated documents for today, **Tuesday, July 25, 2017**.

Regards,

~Karen Hetherington
Liaison Officer | Central Region PREOC (PREOC #3)
Emergency Management BC
PH: 250.371.5273 Fax: 250.371.5246
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SITUATION REPORT

Central Provincial Regional Operations Centre (CTL PREOC)
SITUATION REPORT #87
Event: CTL Region Wildfires Task #: 181035
Date/Time Issued: 2017-07-25 at 1600hrs
Operational Period: 0800 to 1700hrs
Primary PREOC Email: preoc3.ops1@gov.bc.ca
Primary PREOC Phone: 250.371.5240
Primary PREOC Fax: 250.371.5243
Overall Regional Situation: Active
Activated EMBC Staff: 4 **Activated TEAMS:** 18
Activated Forces: 3 **Activated Others:** 22
The next Situation Report will be issued: 2017-07-26 at 1600hrs
New information is in blue.
This situation report reflects information received up to 1500 hrs today.

KEY REGIONAL INFORMATION

- Two new fires on July 24, 2017. Three remain fires of note in the Kamloops Fire Centre.
- The TNRD rescinded four Evacuation Orders and issued two Evacuation Alerts on July 25, 2017 for the Little Fort complex fire.
- The TNRD partially rescinded the evacuation alerts for the Clinton corridor, Cache Creek area, and Green Lake south. Rescinded the evacuation alert for West of Ashcroft and partially rescinded an evacuation order for Loon Lake.
- As of July 24th B.C.'s Air Quality Health Index shows significantly improved air quality in areas of the province previously affected by wildfires - effective immediately (July 24th), BC Parks will no longer process refunds due to poor air quality caused by the wildfires.
- The BC Economic Development Association has set up a hot line at 1-877-422-3377 to support small business recovery due to the wildfires.

- **Total active Local Authority Emergency Operation Centres (EOC)**: 8 (City of Vernon, District of Clearwater, TNRD, RDCO, RDOS, City of Kamloops, CSRD, City of Armstrong)
- **Total Active First Nations Emergency Operation Centres (EOC):** 9 (6 for fires – Bonaparte IB, Ashcroft IB, Simpcw FN, Skeetchestn IB, Whispering Pines IB, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc,) and (3 for flooding - OKIB, Nooaitch, Penticton Indian Band)
- **Total Alerts:** 26 (21 for fires and 5 for flooding)
- **Total Orders:** 13 (10 for fires and 3 for flooding)
- **Total States of Local Emergency (SOLE):** 17 (8 for fires and 9 for flooding)
- **Total Band Council Resolutions (BCR):** 11 (4 for fire and 7 for flooding)

ESS STATISTICS TO END OF DAY JULY 25, 2017 (estimated)

- Individuals in group lodging – 1269
- Individuals in commercial lodging – 2236
- Individuals billeted – 5872
- Individuals in RV parks – 497
- Referral extensions – 8961
- Group lodging number of beds available – 3752
- RV/Camping available - 344 spots
- Evacuees registered on July 25 – 482
- Evacuees registered – 14362
- TNRD and Kamloops are hosting 312 ESS volunteers

ADVANCED PLANNING UNIT

General Action Points

- Supporting local governments and First Nations in advanced planning (e.g., evacuation, re-entry, recovery planning), including providing references and guidance information and map products
- Continuing to assess local government and First Nations capacity for ESS
- Working with PECC on demobilization (e.g., cots)
- Critical Infrastructure:
    - Coordinating with the PECC to identify Emergency Operations Centre's back-up.
    - Working on Province-wide protocol for accessing post-secondary IT resources
    - Working with Pathways to Technology to assess First Nations connectivity and support needed if communications are disrupted
- Working with PREOC Ministry of Agriculture representatives to coordinate re-entry information and processes

WEATHER FORECAST FOR JULY 25, 2017 AS REPORTED BY ENVIRONMENT CANADA AT 1430hrs

Today's forecast: Mainly sunny. Wind becoming east 20 km/h early this afternoon. High 32. UV index 7 or high. Tonight: A few clouds. Wind west 20 km/h becoming light this evening. Low 11.

Long-term forecast: Sunny. Highs 34-37. Low 16.

Wednesday: Mainly sunny. Wind becoming southwest 20 km/h gusting to 40 in the afternoon. High 35

Thursday: Sunny. High 35

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

RDCO EOC Level 2 Hours: 24 per day

Okanagan Centre Fire K51118 Fire size: 55 ha

- The fire is now 100% contained.
- Working on plans for town hall meeting regarding re-entry and impacts of fire retardant.
- 8 primary residences lost; multiple out buildings.
- Alerts: 1 (Long Road, Tyndall Road and Nighthawk Road)
- Orders: 0
- State of Local Emergency: 1

- Homes Alerted: 58
- Homes Evacuated: 0
- ESS Reception Centre opened at 1480 Sutherland Road, Kelowna,
- Individuals Registered with ESS: 1361

RDOS EOC Level 2 Hours of operation: 0800-1630

Princeton Fire – K60643 – Fire Size 3300 Ha

- The fire is 100% contained and being held. This fire is in mop up stage.
- Highway 5A is now open according to the Drive BC website.
- The Summers Creek Road remains closed. Highway Authority commenced works on the road today to make safe before reopening.
- Alerts: 6 (EA "H" North Princeton)
- Orders: 2 (EA "H" North Princeton)
- State of Local Emergency: 2 (EA"H" Hwy5A, North Princeton expires July 28, 2017)
- Homes Alerted: 655
- Homes Evacuated: 19 (correction from previous sit rep)
- Reception Centre: 1 (Riverside Community Centre 148 Old Hedley Rd Princeton Hours of operation 07:00 – 24:00)
- Individuals Registered with ESS: 568

Town of Princeton

- State of Local Emergency: 0 (expired July 24, 2017)

TNRD EOC Level 2 - 0830-2130

- The CDART small animal reception centre is moving to 463 Dene Drive, Kamloops.
- Resiliency Centre - Unit 211-450 Lansdowne Street, Kamloops.
- Group lodging capacity: South Kamloops Senior Secondary School – 125 beds; NorKam Secondary School - 175 beds; Sandman Centre - 500 beds; Merritt Civic Centre 1950 Mamette Ave - 150 beds.
- The TNRD has created two Facebook pages @TNRDdonationsandlodging and @TNRDvolunteerconnection to help connect donors to evacuees and help manage volunteer offers.

Elephant Hill Fire (Formerly Ashcroft Fire) K20637 – Fire size 61,500 ha

- On July 25, 2017 at 1200hrs the TNRD partially rescinded the evacuation alerts for the Clinton corridor, Cache Creek area, and Green Lake south.
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- Working with the TNRD to reassess evacuation orders in the Dunn Lake area.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACTED – As reported by DriveBC at 1530 hrs

- Highway 97 both directions closed from Williams Lake to North of Lac La Hache at Wright Station Road (60.8 km). Check points remain in effect. Evacuation order still in place for Williams Lake, with the egress route being Highway 97 southbound. No estimated time of opening, assessment ongoing.
- Highway 5A is now open.

AGENCIES

Canadian Red Cross

- An online registry has been set up for family reunification at www.redcross.ca or at 1-800-863-6583. Evacuees needing ESS services still need to register in person at a reception centre.

BC Hydro

- Continuing repair work on power lines in the Loon Lake area that began on July 24, 2017. Power was restored to the Community Hall July 25, 2017.
- Power Outages: 307 Loon Lake Road and 12 West of Dunn Lake Road

Telus

- Repair crews are in the Loon Lake area stringing up new cable.

Event: CTL Region Spring Freshet Task #: 180154

FLNRO – WATER STEWARDSHIP

- Kalamalka Lake dropped 21 mm during the midnight to midnight period and to an elevation of 391.877 m.
- Okanagan Lake dropped by 22 mm during the midnight to midnight period to an elevation of 342.570 m.
- Osoyoos Lake is now at 912.01 feet.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

City of Kamloops, EOC Level 1

- The City of Kamloops has a State of Local Emergency in effect for the Rayleigh slide (expires August 3, 2017).

CSRD - EOC Level 1

- The CSRD has a State of Local Emergency in effect for Sunnybrae Canoe Point Road (Expires July 28, 2017).
- There are 2 alerts in place for Sunnybrae 1 and Sunnybrae Robinson.
- An evacuation order remains in effect for Sunnybrae with 3 homes evacuated and 4 people receiving ESS.

RDCO – EOC Level 2

- The RDCO has a State of Local Emergency in effect. (Expires July 28, 2017)
- There is 1 alert in place.

City of Kelowna

- Sand bag removal and dam removals underway.
- The City of Kelowna has a State of Local Emergency in effect. (Expires July 28, 2017)
- The City of Kelowna has rescinded their Evacuation Alert**.**

City of West Kelowna

- Planning underway for new crews on Monday July 17, 2017.
- The City of West Kelowna has a State of Local Emergency in effect (Expires July 28, 2017).
- There are currently 80+ homes on alert in the Green Bay neighbourhood.

District of Lake Country

- The District of Lake Country has a State of Local Emergency in effect. (Expires July 28, 2017)

District of Peachland

- The District of Peachland has a State of Local Emergency in effect. (Expires July 28, 2017)

RDOS – EOC Level 2 - 0830-1630

- The RDOS has 2 States of Local Emergency in effect (Twin Lakes (expires July 28) and Red Wing

Resorts (Expires July 25, 2017)).
- The alert for Twin Lakes is still in effect for 38 homes.

FIRST NATIONS

Okanagan Indian Band – EOC Level 2 - 08:00-16:30

- The Okanagan Indian Band rescinded the evacuation order for Wilfred and Bay Roads. One order remains in effect for Landslide lots 18 to 25 below the Louis Estates Road.

- The Okanagan Indian Band has 2 Band Council Resolutions in place until rescinded by the Chief for IR #1 and #6.

Lower Nicola Indian Band

- The Lower Nicola Indian Band has a Band Council Resolution in place until rescinded by the Chief.

- There is an alert in place for 14 people in 5 homes on Fyall Road IR#1.

Nooaitch First Nation – EOC Level 1 - 0830hrs – 1630hrs

- The Nooaitch First Nation has a Band Council Resolution in place for IR#10 until rescinded by the Chief.

- An evacuation order remains in effect for IR#10 for 2 homes on Shackley Road. **2** people are receiving ESS

Penticton Indian Band – EOC Level 1

- The Penticton Indian Band has a Band Council Resolution in place for Red Wing resorts in conjunction with the RDOS until rescinded by the Chief.

Upper Nicola Band – EOC Level 1 - 0800-1630hrs

- The Upper Nicola Band has a Band Council Resolution in place until rescinded by the Chief.

Westbank First Nation

- The Westbank First Nation has a Band Council Resolution in place until rescinded by the Chief.

Key Internet Links:

BC Wildfire Service: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status
Weather: http://weather.gc.ca/forecast/canada/index_e.html?id=BC
Roads and Highways Information: http://drivebc.ca/
National Defence fire images - copy & paste into your browser:
http://www.forcesimages.ca/default.aspx?aid=6141
A number of BC Provincial Parks are closed. See BC Parks website for a complete list of closures
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/
Red Cross Canada: http://www.redcross.ca/
BC Air Quality Index: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/readings/aqhi-table.xml

Interior Health Smoky Skies Bulletin
BC Hydro Outage List
Disaster Financial Assistance: https://goo.gl/CDVaia
EOC Forms Provision of Sandbags Policy
Debris Removal Guidelines
PUBLIC INFO FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF SANDBAGS
SAND BAGGING GENERAL INFORMATION
Central Okanagan Emergency Operations (Flood Maps)

APPROVED BY:
Steve Newton
PREOC Director

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From:	Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Date:	Sunday, August 13, 2017 9:10:35 PM

Jeff – I apologise – s.22
Just looked at this again – was trying to clean up my email – thought the note below was from today – thank you for being so patient with me.
Have a great holiday!

From: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 8:29 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
FYI – It would be better if requests came through you to me? I didn't see this early
Is Puntchesacut now open?

From: Kopetski, Eric FLNR:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Yes, I agree.

From: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 5:28 PM
To: Kopetski, Eric FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High
Do you agree with the Puntchesacut Park?
Re campfire ban, access/egress, ability for enforcement?
Not sure that park has a full time attendant.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:38 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High
As requested

From: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High
Green light for Ten Mile, Pinnacles and Puntchesakut Lake Parks.

From: Martin, Alison FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; TRAN EMBC NEA PREOC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX; TRAN EMBC NEA PREOC Operations 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Hi Tom,
I've spoken with our Operations Manager and Incident Commander, there are no active fires in the Ten Mile Lake Park, Pinnacles Park or Puntchesakut Lake Park areas and therefore there are no concerns from the Quesnel East Incident Management Team in relation to reopening these parks.
Thanks
Ali
Alison Martin

Information Officer
Fires East of the Nazko River
Quesnel Fire Zone
Phone: 250-617-7890
Email: alison.martin@gov.bc.ca

From: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:16 AM
To: TRAN EMBC NEA PREOC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX; TRAN EMBC NEA PREOC Operations 1 TRAN:EX; Martin, Alison FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High

Good morning,
BC Parks is looking into re-opening certain parks/campgrounds in the Cariboo and wanted input from the Wildfire Branch and the CRD before doing so.
We are considering re-opening:

- Ten Mile Lake Park which is 11 km NNE of Quesnel on Hwy 97. (Not in Evac Alert area.)
- Pinnacles Park on Pinnacles Road which is 5 km W of Quesnel. (Not in Evac Alert area.)
- Puntchesakut Lake Park which is 30 km's W of Quesnel on the Nazko Hwy. (Not in Evac Alert area.)
- Lac La Hache Park which is at the N end of Lac La Hache (Currently in Evac Alert area.)
- Bridge Lake Park which is 44 km's SE of 100 Mile House on Hwy 24. (Currently in Evac Alert area.)

Any concerns please let me know.
Thank you,
Tom

Tom Hughes
Area Supervisor
South Chilcotin, Cariboo Region
BC Parks & Protected Areas Division
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(250)398-4931

From: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:03 AM
To: TRAN EMBC CTL PREOC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Cc: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Subject: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High

Hi Karen,
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We are considering re-opening:

- Downing Park on Kelly Lake which is 16 km West of Clinton on the Clinton-Pavilion Road (Kelly Lk Rd.).
- Big Bar Lake Park on Big Bar Road which is 30 km NW of Clinton.

Thanks,
Tom

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From: TRAN EMBC CTL PREOC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:06 PM
Subject: Central PREOC Situation Report #87 for today, Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Kindly find attached the Situation Report **#87** and associated documents for today, **Tuesday, July 25, 2017**.

Regards,

~Karen Hetherington
Liaison Officer | Central Region PREOC (PREOC #3)
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SITUATION REPORT

Central Provincial Regional Operations Centre (CTL PREOC)
SITUATION REPORT #87
Event: CTL Region Wildfires Task #: 181035
Date/Time Issued: 2017-07-25 at 1600hrs
Operational Period: 0800 to 1700hrs
Primary PREOC Email: preoc3.ops1@gov.bc.ca
Primary PREOC Phone: 250.371.5240
Primary PREOC Fax: 250.371.5243
Overall Regional Situation: Active
Activated EMBC Staff: 4 **Activated TEAMS:** 18
Activated Forces: 3 **Activated Others:** 22
The next Situation Report will be issued: 2017-07-26 at 1600hrs
New information is in blue.
This situation report reflects information received up to 1500 hrs today.

KEY REGIONAL INFORMATION

- Two new fires on July 24, 2017. Three remain fires of note in the Kamloops Fire Centre.
- The TNRD rescinded four Evacuation Orders and issued two Evacuation Alerts on July 25, 2017 for the Little Fort complex fire.
- The TNRD partially rescinded the evacuation alerts for the Clinton corridor, Cache Creek area, and Green Lake south. Rescinded the evacuation alert for West of Ashcroft and partially rescinded an evacuation order for Loon Lake.
- As of July 24th B.C.'s Air Quality Health Index shows significantly improved air quality in areas of the province previously affected by wildfires - effective immediately (July 24th), BC Parks will no longer process refunds due to poor air quality caused by the wildfires.
- The BC Economic Development Association has set up a hot line at 1-877-422-3377 to support small business recovery due to the wildfires.
- **Total active Local Authority Emergency Operation Centres (EOC)**: 8 (City of Vernon, District of Clearwater, TNRD, RDCO, RDOS, City of Kamloops, CSRD, City of Armstrong)
- **Total Active First Nations Emergency Operation Centres (EOC):** 9 (6 for fires – Bonaparte IB, Ashcroft IB, Simpcw FN, Skeetchestn IB, Whispering Pines IB, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc,) and (3

for flooding - OKIB, Nooaitch, Penticton Indian Band)
- **Total Alerts:** 26 (21 for fires and 5 for flooding)
- **Total Orders:** 13 (10 for fires and 3 for flooding)
- **Total States of Local Emergency (SOLE):** 17 (8 for fires and 9 for flooding)
- **Total Band Council Resolutions (BCR):** 11 (4 for fire and 7 for flooding)

ESS STATISTICS TO END OF DAY JULY 25, 2017 (estimated)

- Individuals in group lodging – 1269
- Individuals in commercial lodging – 2236
- Individuals billeted – 5872
- Individuals in RV parks – 497
- Referral extensions – 8961
- Group lodging number of beds available – 3752
- RV/Camping available - 344 spots
- Evacuees registered on July 25 – 482
- Evacuees registered – 14362
- TNRD and Kamloops are hosting 312 ESS volunteers

ADVANCED PLANNING UNIT

General Action Points

- Supporting local governments and First Nations in advanced planning (e.g., evacuation, re-entry, recovery planning), including providing references and guidance information and map products
- Continuing to assess local government and First Nations capacity for ESS
- Working with PECC on demobilization (e.g., cots)
- Critical Infrastructure:
    - Coordinating with the PECC to identify Emergency Operations Centre's back-up.
    - Working on Province-wide protocol for accessing post-secondary IT resources
    - Working with Pathways to Technology to assess First Nations connectivity and support needed if communications are disrupted
- Working with PREOC Ministry of Agriculture representatives to coordinate re-entry information and processes

WEATHER FORECAST FOR JULY 25, 2017 AS REPORTED BY ENVIRONMENT CANADA AT 1430hrs

Today's forecast: Mainly sunny. Wind becoming east 20 km/h early this afternoon. High 32. UV index 7 or high. Tonight: A few clouds. Wind west 20 km/h becoming light this evening. Low 11.

Long-term forecast: Sunny. Highs 34-37. Low 16.

Wednesday: Mainly sunny. Wind becoming southwest 20 km/h gusting to 40 in the afternoon. High 35

Thursday: Sunny. High 35

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

RDCO EOC Level 2 Hours: 24 per day

Okanagan Centre Fire K51118 Fire size: 55 ha

- The fire is now 100% contained.
- Working on plans for town hall meeting regarding re-entry and impacts of fire retardant.
- 8 primary residences lost; multiple out buildings.
- Alerts: 1 (Long Road, Tyndall Road and Nighthawk Road)
- Orders: 0
- State of Local Emergency: 1
- Homes Alerted: 58
- Homes Evacuated: 0
- ESS Reception Centre opened at 1480 Sutherland Road, Kelowna,
- Individuals Registered with ESS: 1361

RDOS EOC Level 2 Hours of operation: 0800-1630

Princeton Fire – K60643 – Fire Size 3300 Ha

- The fire is 100% contained and being held. This fire is in mop up stage.
- Highway 5A is now open according to the Drive BC website.
- The Summers Creek Road remains closed. Highway Authority commenced works on the road today to make safe before reopening.
- Alerts: 6 (EA "H" North Princeton)
- Orders: 2 (EA "H" North Princeton)
- State of Local Emergency: 2 (EA"H" Hwy5A, North Princeton expires July 28, 2017)
- Homes Alerted: 655
- Homes Evacuated: 19 (correction from previous sit rep)
- Reception Centre: 1 (Riverside Community Centre 148 Old Hedley Rd Princeton Hours of operation 07:00 – 24:00)
- Individuals Registered with ESS: 568

Town of Princeton

- State of Local Emergency: 0 (expired July 24, 2017)

TNRD EOC Level 2 - 0830-2130

- The CDART small animal reception centre is moving to 463 Dene Drive, Kamloops.
- Resiliency Centre - Unit 211-450 Lansdowne Street, Kamloops.
- Group lodging capacity: South Kamloops Senior Secondary School – 125 beds; NorKam Secondary School - 175 beds; Sandman Centre - 500 beds; Merritt Civic Centre 1950 Mamette Ave - 150 beds.
- The TNRD has created two Facebook pages @TNRDdonationsandlodging and @TNRDvolunteerconnection to help connect donors to evacuees and help manage volunteer offers.

Elephant Hill Fire (Formerly Ashcroft Fire) K20637 – Fire size 61,500 ha

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- Band Council Resolution: 1
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- Band Council Resolution: 1 (Bonaparte Indian Band #1, IR#2, and IR#3)
- Homes on Alert: 52
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- Individuals Registered with ESS: 0

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Band

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- Band Council Resolution: 1
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- There are approximately 400 people staying at the Powwow Grounds.

Skeetchestn Indian Band EOC Level 3 - 0800 – 1600 7 days/week

- Glenn from PREOC APU will be assisting with Rapid Damage Assessments.
- Alerts: 1
- Orders: 0
- Band Council Resolution: 1
- Homes evacuated: 0
- Homes alerted: 275 people
- Individuals registered with ESS: 0

Simpcw First Nation

- Working with the TNRD to reassess evacuation orders in the Dunn Lake area.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACTED – As reported by DriveBC at 1530 hrs

- Highway 97 both directions closed from Williams Lake to North of Lac La Hache at Wright Station Road (60.8 km). Check points remain in effect. Evacuation order still in place for Williams Lake, with the egress route being Highway 97 southbound. No estimated time of opening,

assessment ongoing.
- Highway 5A is now open.

AGENCIES

Canadian Red Cross

- An online registry has been set up for family reunification at www.redcross.ca or at 1-800-863-6583. Evacuees needing ESS services still need to register in person at a reception centre.

BC Hydro

- Continuing repair work on power lines in the Loon Lake area that began on July 24, 2017. Power was restored to the Community Hall July 25, 2017.
- Power Outages: 307 Loon Lake Road and 12 West of Dunn Lake Road

Telus

- Repair crews are in the Loon Lake area stringing up new cable.

Event: CTL Region Spring Freshet Task #: 180154

FLNRO – WATER STEWARDSHIP

- Kalamalka Lake dropped 21 mm during the midnight to midnight period and to an elevation of 391.877 m.
- Okanagan Lake dropped by 22 mm during the midnight to midnight period to an elevation of 342.570 m.
- Osoyoos Lake is now at 912.01 feet.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

City of Kamloops, EOC Level 1

- The City of Kamloops has a State of Local Emergency in effect for the Rayleigh slide (expires August 3, 2017).

CSRD - EOC Level 1

- The CSRD has a State of Local Emergency in effect for Sunnybrae Canoe Point Road (Expires July 28, 2017).
- There are 2 alerts in place for Sunnybrae 1 and Sunnybrae Robinson.
- An evacuation order remains in effect for Sunnybrae with 3 homes evacuated and 4 people receiving ESS.

RDCO – EOC Level 2

- The RDCO has a State of Local Emergency in effect. (Expires July 28, 2017)
- There is 1 alert in place.

City of Kelowna

- Sand bag removal and dam removals underway.
- The City of Kelowna has a State of Local Emergency in effect. (Expires July 28, 2017)
- The City of Kelowna has rescinded their Evacuation Alert**.**

City of West Kelowna

- Planning underway for new crews on Monday July 17, 2017.
- The City of West Kelowna has a State of Local Emergency in effect (Expires July 28, 2017).
- There are currently 80+ homes on alert in the Green Bay neighbourhood.

District of Lake Country

- The District of Lake Country has a State of Local Emergency in effect. (Expires July 28, 2017)

District of Peachland

- The District of Peachland has a State of Local Emergency in effect. (Expires July 28, 2017)

RDOS – EOC Level 2 - 0830-1630

- The RDOS has 2 States of Local Emergency in effect (Twin Lakes (expires July 28) and Red Wing Resorts (Expires July 25, 2017)).
- The alert for Twin Lakes is still in effect for 38 homes.

FIRST NATIONS

Okanagan Indian Band – EOC Level 2 - 08:00-16:30

- The Okanagan Indian Band rescinded the evacuation order for Wilfred and Bay Roads. One order remains in effect for Landslide lots 18 to 25 below the Louis Estates Road.

- The Okanagan Indian Band has 2 Band Council Resolutions in place until rescinded by the Chief for IR #1 and #6.

Lower Nicola Indian Band

- The Lower Nicola Indian Band has a Band Council Resolution in place until rescinded by the Chief.

- There is an alert in place for 14 people in 5 homes on Fyall Road IR#1.

Nooaitch First Nation – EOC Level 1 - 0830hrs – 1630hrs

- The Nooaitch First Nation has a Band Council Resolution in place for IR#10 until rescinded by the Chief.

- An evacuation order remains in effect for IR#10 for 2 homes on Shackley Road. **2** people are receiving ESS

Penticton Indian Band – EOC Level 1

- The Penticton Indian Band has a Band Council Resolution in place for Red Wing resorts in conjunction with the RDOS until rescinded by the Chief.

Upper Nicola Band – EOC Level 1 - 0800-1630hrs

- The Upper Nicola Band has a Band Council Resolution in place until rescinded by the Chief.

Westbank First Nation

- The Westbank First Nation has a Band Council Resolution in place until rescinded by the Chief.

Key Internet Links:

BC Wildfire Service: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status
Weather: http://weather.gc.ca/forecast/canada/index_e.html?id=BC
Roads and Highways Information: http://drivebc.ca/
National Defence fire images - copy & paste into your browser:
http://www.forcesimages.ca/default.aspx?aid=6141
A number of BC Provincial Parks are closed. See BC Parks website for a complete list of closures
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/
Red Cross Canada: http://www.redcross.ca/
BC Air Quality Index: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/readings/aqhi-table.xml
Interior Health Smoky Skies Bulletin
BC Hydro Outage List
Disaster Financial Assistance: https://goo.gl/CDVaia
EOC Forms Provision of Sandbags Policy

Debris Removal Guidelines
PUBLIC INFO FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF SANDBAGS
SAND BAGGING GENERAL INFORMATION
Central Okanagan Emergency Operations (Flood Maps)

APPROVED BY:
Steve Newton
PREOC Director

Note: Information contained in this situation report is for operational purposes only. The contained information is not meant for public information. If you wish you use contained information for a media release, you must clear it with the PREOC Director.

From:	Clearwater Lake Tours
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	King, John ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Letter from BC Parks Regional Director Jeff Leahy
Date:	Monday, August 14, 2017 5:26:56 PM
Attachments:	image001.png Draft of Evacuation Plan 2017.doc Re Evacuation Plan for Clearwater Lake tours.msg Action Plan for Wild Fire State of Emergency July 2017.docx

Dear Jeff, Attached is our Draft of the Interim evacuation Plan, email from Yellow Head helicopters in Clearwater, Action Plan during first evacuation and an email to John King to upgrade Action Plan to Mitigate Fire hazard . We have not heard back from the Float Plane Pilots but thought you would like to see some progress on our plan. We trust this will meet your approval and are looking forward to working toward working with BC Parks on the Final Plan.

Sincerely s.22

Clearwater Lake Tours

From: Steere, Heather ENV:EX [mailto:Heather.Steere@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: August-04-17 11:11 AM
To: Steere, Heather ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX ; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX ; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX ; King, John ENV:EX ; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX ; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX
Subject: Letter from BC Parks Regional Director Jeff Leahy

Good Morning

Please see the attached letter from BC Parks Regional Director Jeff Leahy. BC Parks is requesting your cooperation into evacuation planning for Wells Gray Park.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Heather Steere
Senior Park Ranger – Southern Rivers
BC Ministry of Environment
Kamloops
Telephone: (250) 371-6227

From:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
To:	Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Cc:	"Clearwater Lake Tours"
Subject:	FW: Letter from BC Parks Regional Director Jeff Leahy
Date:	Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:43:55 AM
Attachments:	image001.png Draft of Evacuation Plan 2017.doc Re Evacuation Plan for Clearwater Lake tours.msg Action Plan for Wild Fire State of Emergency July 2017.docx

Hi Everyone
Please see attached documents and email regarding Clearwater Lake Tours evacuation procedure planning.
Thank you,
Heather

From: Clearwater Lake Tours [mailto:info@clearwaterlaketours.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:16 AM
To: Steere, Heather ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Letter from BC Parks Regional Director Jeff Leahy
Hi Heather, Could you please make sure everyone who needs to read this gets it. Cheers s.22

From: Clearwater Lake Tours [mailto:info@clearwaterlaketours.com]
Sent: August-14-17 5:22 PM
To: 'Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX' <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: 'King, John ENV:EX' <John.King@gov.bc.ca>; 'Rowden, Mike ENV:EX' <Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca>
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To:	Steere, Heather ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Letter from BC Parks Regional Director Jeff Leahy
Date:	Wednesday, August 16, 2017 1:22:47 PM
Attachments:	image002.png image003.png High fire hazard plan 1.pdf Fire Hazard Plan APPENDIX B.pdf

Hello Heather,
Although we had sent an evacuation plan earlier, the plan attached hopefully addresses the questions from your letter of 4 August more completely.
Thank you,
s.22 ;

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Sent: August-04-17 11:11 AM
To: Steere, Heather ENV:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX ; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX ; Baillie, Craig ENV:EX ; King, John ENV:EX ; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX ; Walkosky, Mark ENV:EX
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From:	Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX; Chapman, Cliff T FLNR:EX
Subject:	Cariboo Parks Opening
Date:	Saturday, September 9, 2017 8:57:33 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image003.png image004.png image005.png 17 CFC MAP FireAndEvacOverview 36x48L 20170909 0800.pdf 17 CFC restrictions with parks Precipice Creek 36x48L 20170909.pdf 17 CFC restrictions with parks Kleena Kleena 36x48L 20170909.pdf image009.png

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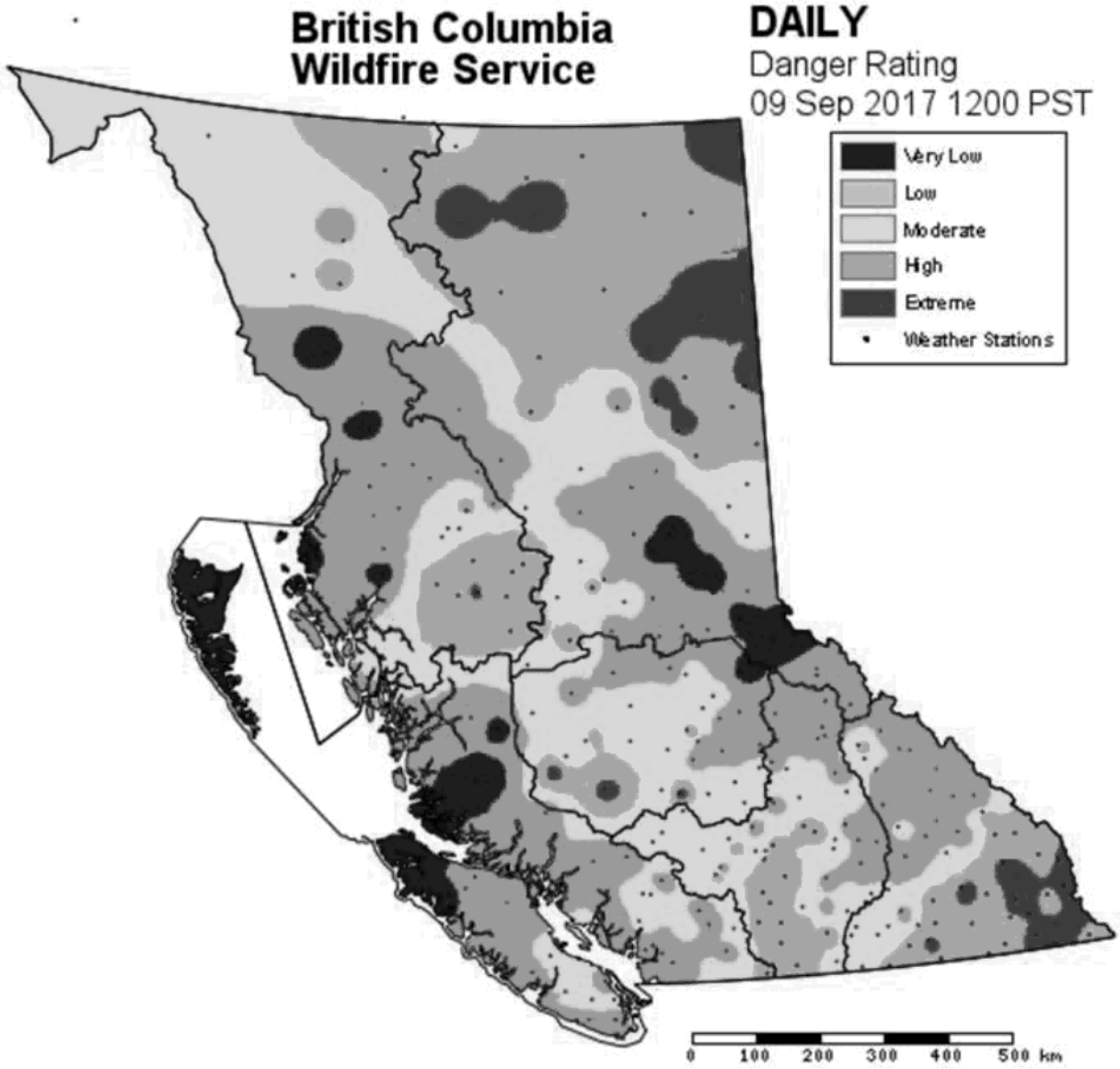
Jeff,
Cariboo currently has the following restrictions on the entire Fire Centre:

- Campfire ban
- Off Road Vehicle Restriction

Section 11 closures are around incident boundaries, some with a buffer for the safety of people working on the fires.
I have attached the Hanceville, Precipice, Kleene Kleene fire maps showing parks and closures, in case it helps you with the boundaries of the area closures. The order areas for Plateau and Hanceville fires are under review.
Itcha Ilgachuz – there is a small portion of the park under a s11 closure. Plateau Fire fire growth is minimal and fire behaviour is low at this time, due to cooler temperatures and some precipitation. There is currently an evacuation order on the Plateau complex, which would require approval from the Cariboo Regional District to enter the area.
Entry into the park from areas not under order is not a problem.
Churn and Big Creek Parks – not under any alerts/orders. If you feel there would be a risk of people in the back country lighting campfires in these areas, you may want to consider keeping them closed to reduce the risk of human caused fires, but it appears this would be a very cautious approach to these two parks. Darren Wilkinson, our RWCO did not have a concern with these two parks opening.
The weather forecast for the next few days is for scattered showers, temps teens to low 20s, wind. Gaspard weather station got 6.8 mm precip over the last two days, Churn Creek received 1.4mm, Nemiah received zero precipitation.
I have cc'ed Kamloops fire centre on this, as both parks fall within both fire centres, and they may have input to assist you in your decision.

Fire Danger Rating

The fire danger rating (i.e. the risk of a wildfire starting) for the province is updated daily at approximately 2 pm.



Krista Dunleavey, R.F.T.
Fire Centre Manager, Cariboo Fire Centre
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: 778-799-2022 | Cell: 250 267-5811
Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555

From:	Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Cariboo_Parks_reopening Sept 12th 2017 (2).xlsx
Date:	Wednesday, September 13, 2017 11:56:34 AM
Attachments:	Cariboo_Parks_reopening Sept 12th 2017 (2).xlsx

Can we chat quickly about this spreadsheet for parks to re-open and process you'd like to use?

From:	Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Cariboo Parks Wildfire Impacts
Date:	Wednesday, September 20, 2017 10:50:37 AM
Attachments:	Cariboo Wildfire Impacts 2017.docx
Importance:	High

Hi Jeff:

Please find attached letter fron s.22 re: Impacts of Fire season. This is a follow up to our face to face last week. Please let me know where we should go from here in assisting our Park Operator.

Thanks, Mike

Mike Rowden
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BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service
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"Stress is hereditary..I get it from my children!"

From:	Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
To:	Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Date:	Wednesday, September 6, 2017 8:01:24 AM
Attachments:	Scan_20170801.pdf image001.png

It would be important to add to the list a safety risk assessment for infrastructure impacted by wildfire.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 9:08 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds

Hi Krista, I sent you email July 26th to discuss the 3 parks listed below. After our discussion and your recommendation I only opened Ten Mile. Bowron was already reopened after our discussions.

No Section 11 - The process has been

- Discussion with staff on ground – Parks and Wildfire
- Recommendations from Parks staff come to me
- I complete Fire Risk Assessment - see attached for Ten Mile
- If I feel criteria warrants further consideration to reopen I discuss with Fire Center Manager and they provide Recommendations
- BC Parks SDM makes decision – (Fire Center Managers recommendations play an important part in this decision)

Section 11 In Place

- Discussion with staff on ground – Parks and Wildfire
- Fire Risk Assessment Recommendations from Parks staff goes to Fire center Manager
- Fire Center Manager makes decision to reopen or remain closed (under section 11)
- If Fire Center Manager supports reopening - Parks SDM to rescind Directors Order and park reopens

Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
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From: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 8:29 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds

FYI – It would be better if requests came through you to me? I didn't see this early

Is Puntchesacut now open?

From: Kopetski, Eric FLNR:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds

Yes, I agree.

From: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 5:28 PM
To: Kopetski, Eric FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High

Do you agree with the Puntchesacut Park?
Re campfire ban, access/egress, ability for enforcement?
Not sure that park has a full time attendant.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:38 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High

As requested

From: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High

Green light for Ten Mile, Pinnacles and Puntchesakut Lake Parks.

From: Martin, Alison FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; TRAN EMBC NEA PREOC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX; TRAN EMBC NEA PREOC Operations 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds

Hi Tom,

I've spoken with our Operations Manager and Incident Commander, there are no active fires in the Ten Mile Lake Park, Pinnacles Park or Puntchesakut Lake Park areas and therefore there are no concerns from the Quesnel East Incident Management Team in relation to reopening these parks.

Thanks

Ali

Alison Martin
Information Officer
Fires East of the Nazko River
Quesnel Fire Zone
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From: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:16 AM
To: TRAN EMBC NEA PREOC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX; TRAN EMBC NEA PREOC Operations 1 TRAN:EX; Martin, Alison FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High

Good morning,
BC Parks is looking into re-opening certain parks/campgrounds in the Cariboo and wanted input from the Wildfire Branch and the CRD before doing so.

We are considering re-opening:

- Ten Mile Lake Park which is 11 km NNE of Quesnel on Hwy 97. (Not in Evac Alert area.)
- Pinnacles Park on Pinnacles Road which is 5 km W of Quesnel. (Not in Evac Alert area.)
- Puntchesakut Lake Park which is 30 km's W of Quesnel on the Nazko Hwy. (Not in Evac Alert area.)
- Lac La Hache Park which is at the N end of Lac La Hache (Currently in Evac Alert area.)
- Bridge Lake Park which is 44 km's SE of 100 Mile House on Hwy 24. (Currently in Evac Alert area.)

Any concerns please let me know.
Thank you,
Tom
Tom Hughes
Area Supervisor
South Chilcotin, Cariboo Region
BC Parks & Protected Areas Division
Ministry of Environment
(250)398-4931

From: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:03 AM
To: TRAN EMBC CTL PREOC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Cc: Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Subject: Important: BC Parks Would Like to Re-open Certain Campgrounds
Importance: High

Hi Karen,
BC Parks is looking into re-opening certain parks in the Cariboo and wanted input from the Wildfire Branch and the TNRD before doing so.
We are considering re-opening:

- Downing Park on Kelly Lake which is 16 km West of Clinton on the Clinton-Pavilion Road (Kelly Lk Rd.).
- Big Bar Lake Park on Big Bar Road which is 30 km NW of Clinton.

Thanks,
Tom
Tom Hughes
Area Supervisor
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From: TRAN EMBC CTL PREOC Liaison 1 TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:06 PM
Subject: Central PREOC Situation Report #87 for today, Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Kindly find attached the Situation Report **#87** and associated documents for today, **Tuesday, July 25, 2017**.

Regards,

~Karen Hetherington

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SITUATION REPORT

Central Provincial Regional Operations Centre (CTL PREOC)
SITUATION REPORT #87
Event: CTL Region Wildfires Task #: 181035
Date/Time Issued: 2017-07-25 at 1600hrs
Operational Period: 0800 to 1700hrs
Primary PREOC Email: preoc3.ops1@gov.bc.ca
Primary PREOC Phone: 250.371.5240
Primary PREOC Fax: 250.371.5243
Overall Regional Situation: Active
Activated EMBC Staff: 4 **Activated TEAMS:** 18
Activated Forces: 3 **Activated Others:** 22
The next Situation Report will be issued: 2017-07-26 at 1600hrs
New information is in blue.
This situation report reflects information received up to 1500 hrs today.

KEY REGIONAL INFORMATION

- Two new fires on July 24, 2017. Three remain fires of note in the Kamloops Fire Centre.
- The TNRD rescinded four Evacuation Orders and issued two Evacuation Alerts on July 25, 2017 for the Little Fort complex fire.
- The TNRD partially rescinded the evacuation alerts for the Clinton corridor, Cache Creek area, and Green Lake south. Rescinded the evacuation alert for West of Ashcroft and partially rescinded an evacuation order for Loon Lake.
- As of July 24th B.C.'s Air Quality Health Index shows significantly improved air quality in areas of the province previously affected by wildfires - effective immediately (July 24th), BC Parks will no longer process refunds due to poor air quality caused by the wildfires.
- The BC Economic Development Association has set up a hot line at 1-877-422-3377 to support small business recovery due to the wildfires.
- **Total active Local Authority Emergency Operation Centres (EOC)**: 8 (City of Vernon, District of Clearwater, TNRD, RDCO, RDOS, City of Kamloops, CSRD, City of Armstrong)
- **Total Active First Nations Emergency Operation Centres (EOC):** 9 (6 for fires – Bonaparte IB, Ashcroft IB, Simpcw FN, Skeetchestn IB, Whispering Pines IB, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc,) and (3 for flooding - OKIB, Nooaitch, Penticton Indian Band)
- **Total Alerts:** 26 (21 for fires and 5 for flooding)
- **Total Orders:** 13 (10 for fires and 3 for flooding)
- **Total States of Local Emergency (SOLE):** 17 (8 for fires and 9 for flooding)
- **Total Band Council Resolutions (BCR):** 11 (4 for fire and 7 for flooding)

ESS STATISTICS TO END OF DAY JULY 25, 2017 (estimated)

- Individuals in group lodging – 1269
- Individuals in commercial lodging – 2236
- Individuals billeted – 5872
- Individuals in RV parks – 497
- Referral extensions – 8961
- Group lodging number of beds available – 3752
- RV/Camping available - 344 spots
- Evacuees registered on July 25 – 482

- Evacuees registered – 14362
- TNRD and Kamloops are hosting 312 ESS volunteers

ADVANCED PLANNING UNIT

General Action Points

- Supporting local governments and First Nations in advanced planning (e.g., evacuation, re-entry, recovery planning), including providing references and guidance information and map products
- Continuing to assess local government and First Nations capacity for ESS
- Working with PECC on demobilization (e.g., cots)
- Critical Infrastructure:
    - Coordinating with the PECC to identify Emergency Operations Centre's back-up.
    - Working on Province-wide protocol for accessing post-secondary IT resources
    - Working with Pathways to Technology to assess First Nations connectivity and support needed if communications are disrupted
- Working with PREOC Ministry of Agriculture representatives to coordinate re-entry information and processes

WEATHER FORECAST FOR JULY 25, 2017 AS REPORTED BY ENVIRONMENT CANADA AT 1430hrs

Today's forecast: Mainly sunny. Wind becoming east 20 km/h early this afternoon. High 32. UV index 7 or high. Tonight: A few clouds. Wind west 20 km/h becoming light this evening. Low 11.

Long-term forecast: Sunny. Highs 34-37. Low 16.

Wednesday: Mainly sunny. Wind becoming southwest 20 km/h gusting to 40 in the afternoon. High 35

Thursday: Sunny. High 35

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

RDCO EOC Level 2 Hours: 24 per day

Okanagan Centre Fire K51118 Fire size: 55 ha

- The fire is now 100% contained.
- Working on plans for town hall meeting regarding re-entry and impacts of fire retardant.
- 8 primary residences lost; multiple out buildings.
- Alerts: 1 (Long Road, Tyndall Road and Nighthawk Road)
- Orders: 0
- State of Local Emergency: 1
- Homes Alerted: 58
- Homes Evacuated: 0
- ESS Reception Centre opened at 1480 Sutherland Road, Kelowna,
- Individuals Registered with ESS: 1361

RDOS EOC Level 2 Hours of operation: 0800-1630

Princeton Fire – K60643 – Fire Size 3300 Ha

- The fire is 100% contained and being held. This fire is in mop up stage.
- Highway 5A is now open according to the Drive BC website.
- The Summers Creek Road remains closed. Highway Authority commenced works on the road today to make safe before reopening.
- Alerts: 6 (EA "H" North Princeton)
- Orders: 2 (EA "H" North Princeton)
- State of Local Emergency: 2 (EA"H" Hwy5A, North Princeton expires July 28, 2017)
- Homes Alerted: 655
- Homes Evacuated: 19 (correction from previous sit rep)
- Reception Centre: 1 (Riverside Community Centre 148 Old Hedley Rd Princeton Hours of operation 07:00 – 24:00)
- Individuals Registered with ESS: 568

Town of Princeton

- State of Local Emergency: 0 (expired July 24, 2017)

TNRD EOC Level 2 - 0830-2130

- The CDART small animal reception centre is moving to 463 Dene Drive, Kamloops.
- Resiliency Centre - Unit 211-450 Lansdowne Street, Kamloops.
- Group lodging capacity: South Kamloops Senior Secondary School – 125 beds; NorKam Secondary School - 175 beds; Sandman Centre - 500 beds; Merritt Civic Centre 1950 Mamette Ave - 150 beds.
- The TNRD has created two Facebook pages @TNRDdonationsandlodging and @TNRDvolunteerconnection to help connect donors to evacuees and help manage volunteer offers.

Elephant Hill Fire (Formerly Ashcroft Fire) K20637 – Fire size 61,500 ha

- On July 25, 2017 at 1200hrs the TNRD partially rescinded the evacuation alerts for the Clinton corridor, Cache Creek area, and Green Lake south.
- On July 25, 2017 at 1200hrs the evacuation alert for West of Ashcroft was rescinded.
- On July 25, 2017 at 1200hrs the TNRD partially rescinded the evacuation order for Loon Lake.
- An information meeting was held at the Cache Creek Community Hall at 1800 on July 24, 2017.
- Fire behaviour increased yesterday in the Loon Lake and south/southeast areas. Resources are being reallocated to address escapes and maintain containment as necessary
- The fire is 30% contained, out of control.
- Loss of approximately 50 structures in Boston Flats; surrounding Cache Creek 5 structures and 60 structures in the Loon Lake area.
- Alerts: 5 Cache Creek (13 properties); South Clinton (3 properties); Green Lake South (866 properties); Cache Creek North 9 properties); Clinton Corridor (86 properties)
- Orders: 7 Ashcroft - Boston Flats Mobile Home Park (1 property); Cache Creek North Area "E" (1 property); Cache Creek North Area "I" (16 properties); Back Valley Road (1 property); Hihium Lake (13 properties); Loon Lake (321 properties); Clinton East (26 properties).
- State of Local Emergency: 2 (EA "I" Blue Sky expires July 28, 2017; EA "E" Bonaparte Plateau expires July 29, 2017).
- Homes Alerted: 977
- Homes Evacuated: 379
- Reception Centre: 2 (Sandman Centre; Anglican Parish of Lytton 140 7 St.)
- Individuals Registered with ESS: Sandman 8678, Lytton 38
- Group Lodging: Sandman Centre, Kamloops

Village of Cache Creek

- Alerts: 1
- Orders: 0
- State of Local Emergency: 0
- Homes on alert: 482
- Homes Evacuated: 0

Village of Clinton - Elephant Hill Fire – K20637

- Alerts: 2 (Chasm Mill site; Village of Clinton)
- Orders: 0
- State of Local Emergency: 0
- Homes on alert: 446
- Homes evacuated: 0

Little Fort - Thuya Lake Fire K20675 – 556 Ha

- The fire is 100% contained and being held.
- Crews will extinguish hot spots identified by Saturday night's scan of the fire and assess and fall dangerous trees.
- An Evacuation Alert issued on July 7, 2017, has been rescinded for the 18 remaining properties east of Lemieux Creek in Little Fort.

- An Evacuation Alert issued on July 11, 2017, has been rescinded for the 155 remaining properties in Little Fort west and south of Lemieux Creek.
- Alerts: 0
- Orders: 0
- State of Local Emergency: 1 (expires July 28, 2017)
- Homes Alerted: 0
- Homes Evacuated: 0
- Reception Centre: 1 (4936 Barriere Town Road)
- Individuals Registered with ESS: 493

Little Fort -W Boulder Creek IR Fire K20706 – 3035 ha combined

Little Fort - Boulder Mountain Fire (Hallamore Lk) K20666

- The fire is 100% contained and being held.
- Crews will extinguish hot spots identified by scans completed on the weekend with a focus on the northern and eastern flanks.
- The TNRD rescinded the four Evacuation Orders and issued two Evacuation Alerts on July 25, 2017.
- TNRD rescinded the Evacuation Alerts for Clearwater South and Upper Clearwater on July 24, 2017.
- Alerts: 3 - EA "A" Hallamore Lake (4 properties); EA "A" "O" McCarthy Lake (28 properties); Area "O" Dunn Lake (10 properties).
- Orders: 0
- State of Local Emergency: 1 (expires July 29, 2017)
- Homes Alerted: 47
- Homes Evacuated: 0
- Reception Centre: 1 (Clearwater Legion Hall 257 Glen Rd)
- Individuals Registered with ESS: 799
- Group Lodging: North Thompson Sportsplex 428 Murtle Crescent, Clearwater

District of Clearwater EOC Level 2

- The District of Clearwater partially rescinded an Evacuation Alert, only 15 addresses of 1292 remain on alert.
- Alerts: 1 (Clearwater Station Rd, Dunn Lake Rd, Russell Rd)
- Orders: 0
- State of Local Emergency: 1 (Expires July 29, 2017)
- Homes Alerted: reported as 15
- Homes Evacuated: 0
- Group Lodging: North Thompson Sportsplex 428 Murtle Crescent, Clearwater

CSRD EOC Level 1 - 0800 - 1630

- ESS Reception Centre open at the Prestige Hotel, 251 Harbourfront Drive NE Salmon Arm.
- Individuals Registered: 624

RDNO

City of Armstrong

- EOC opened to provide ESS support to evacuees.

City of Vernon

ESS Reception Centre open at the Vernon Recreation Centre, 3310 37 Ave.

- Individuals registered with ESS: 881

FIRST NATIONS

Elephant Hill Fire K20637

Ashcroft Indian Band EOC Level 3 - 0900 – 1400

- Randy Diehl of Diehl Consulting will facilitate a community meeting in the Ashcroft Community Hall at 1900 on July 25, 2017.
- 9 residential; 1 triplex; 1 maintenance shed; 1 storage facility lost; 1 gas station has no power or

utilities.
- Community Reception set up in Rivers Inn, Ashcroft; EOC office 320 Railway Ave in Ashcroft; Band office is located in Kamloops.
- Alerts: 0
- Orders: 1 (IR#2, IR#3, IR#4)
- Band Council Resolution: 1
- Homes evacuated: 33
- Individuals registered with ESS: 100

Bonaparte Indian Band EOC Level 2

- On July 20 at 1630 hrs the Bonaparte Indian Band rescinded their evacuation order to IR#2 and IR#3 and put IR#2 AND IR#3 on alert.
- Continue to clear up fuel around the community.
- Alerts: 1 IR#2 (3 Mile to Timyan), IR#3 (Bonaparte Main Reserve)
- Orders: 0
- Band Council Resolution: 1 (Bonaparte Indian Band #1, IR#2, and IR#3)
- Homes on Alert: 52
- Homes Evacuated: 0
- Individuals Registered with ESS: 0

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Band

- Tk'emlúps reports that a large number of evacuees staying at the Powwow Grounds are Williams Lake evacuees.
- Band Council Resolution: 1
- Group lodging set up for elders and RV parking at Tk'emlúps Indian Band Powwow Grounds.
- There are approximately 400 people staying at the Powwow Grounds.

Skeetchestn Indian Band EOC Level 3 - 0800 – 1600 7 days/week

- Glenn from PREOC APU will be assisting with Rapid Damage Assessments.
- Alerts: 1
- Orders: 0
- Band Council Resolution: 1
- Homes evacuated: 0
- Homes alerted: 275 people
- Individuals registered with ESS: 0

Simpcw First Nation

- Working with the TNRD to reassess evacuation orders in the Dunn Lake area.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACTED – As reported by DriveBC at 1530 hrs

- Highway 97 both directions closed from Williams Lake to North of Lac La Hache at Wright Station Road (60.8 km). Check points remain in effect. Evacuation order still in place for Williams Lake, with the egress route being Highway 97 southbound. No estimated time of opening, assessment ongoing.
- Highway 5A is now open.

AGENCIES

Canadian Red Cross

- An online registry has been set up for family reunification at www.redcross.ca or at 1-800-863-6583. Evacuees needing ESS services still need to register in person at a reception centre.

BC Hydro

- Continuing repair work on power lines in the Loon Lake area that began on July 24, 2017. Power was restored to the Community Hall July 25, 2017.
- Power Outages: 307 Loon Lake Road and 12 West of Dunn Lake Road

Telus

- Repair crews are in the Loon Lake area stringing up new cable.

Event: CTL Region Spring Freshet Task #: 180154

FLNRO – WATER STEWARDSHIP

- Kalamalka Lake dropped 21 mm during the midnight to midnight period and to an elevation of 391.877 m.
- Okanagan Lake dropped by 22 mm during the midnight to midnight period to an elevation of 342.570 m.
- Osoyoos Lake is now at 912.01 feet.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

City of Kamloops, EOC Level 1

- The City of Kamloops has a State of Local Emergency in effect for the Rayleigh slide (expires August 3, 2017).

CSRD - EOC Level 1

- The CSRD has a State of Local Emergency in effect for Sunnybrae Canoe Point Road (Expires July 28, 2017).
- There are 2 alerts in place for Sunnybrae 1 and Sunnybrae Robinson.
- An evacuation order remains in effect for Sunnybrae with 3 homes evacuated and 4 people receiving ESS.

RDCO – EOC Level 2

- The RDCO has a State of Local Emergency in effect. (Expires July 28, 2017)
- There is 1 alert in place.

City of Kelowna

- Sand bag removal and dam removals underway.
- The City of Kelowna has a State of Local Emergency in effect. (Expires July 28, 2017)
- The City of Kelowna has rescinded their Evacuation Alert**.**

City of West Kelowna

- Planning underway for new crews on Monday July 17, 2017.
- The City of West Kelowna has a State of Local Emergency in effect (Expires July 28, 2017).
- There are currently 80+ homes on alert in the Green Bay neighbourhood.

District of Lake Country

- The District of Lake Country has a State of Local Emergency in effect. (Expires July 28, 2017)

District of Peachland

- The District of Peachland has a State of Local Emergency in effect. (Expires July 28, 2017)

RDOS – EOC Level 2 - 0830-1630

- The RDOS has 2 States of Local Emergency in effect (Twin Lakes (expires July 28) and Red Wing Resorts (Expires July 25, 2017)).
- The alert for Twin Lakes is still in effect for 38 homes.

FIRST NATIONS

Okanagan Indian Band – EOC Level 2 - 08:00-16:30

- The Okanagan Indian Band rescinded the evacuation order for Wilfred and Bay Roads. One order remains in effect for Landslide lots 18 to 25 below the Louis Estates Road.

- The Okanagan Indian Band has 2 Band Council Resolutions in place until rescinded by the Chief for IR #1 and #6.

Lower Nicola Indian Band

- The Lower Nicola Indian Band has a Band Council Resolution in place until rescinded by the Chief.

- There is an alert in place for 14 people in 5 homes on Fyall Road IR#1.

Nooaitch First Nation – EOC Level 1 - 0830hrs – 1630hrs

- The Nooaitch First Nation has a Band Council Resolution in place for IR#10 until rescinded by the Chief.

- An evacuation order remains in effect for IR#10 for 2 homes on Shackley Road. **2** people are receiving ESS

Penticton Indian Band – EOC Level 1

- The Penticton Indian Band has a Band Council Resolution in place for Red Wing resorts in conjunction with the RDOS until rescinded by the Chief.

Upper Nicola Band – EOC Level 1 - 0800-1630hrs

- The Upper Nicola Band has a Band Council Resolution in place until rescinded by the Chief.

Westbank First Nation

- The Westbank First Nation has a Band Council Resolution in place until rescinded by the Chief.

Key Internet Links:

BC Wildfire Service: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status
Weather: http://weather.gc.ca/forecast/canada/index_e.html?id=BC
Roads and Highways Information: http://drivebc.ca/
National Defence fire images - copy & paste into your browser:
http://www.forcesimages.ca/default.aspx?aid=6141
A number of BC Provincial Parks are closed. See BC Parks website for a complete list of closures
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/
Red Cross Canada: http://www.redcross.ca/
BC Air Quality Index: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/readings/aqhi-table.xml
Interior Health Smoky Skies Bulletin
BC Hydro Outage List
Disaster Financial Assistance: https://goo.gl/CDVaia
EOC Forms Provision of Sandbags Policy
Debris Removal Guidelines
PUBLIC INFO FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF SANDBAGS
SAND BAGGING GENERAL INFORMATION
Central Okanagan Emergency Operations (Flood Maps)

APPROVED BY:
Steve Newton
PREOC Director

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From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Please post: Itcha Ilgachuz Park Re-opening
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:56:47 AM
Attachments:	Itcha Ilgachuz - Park Re-opening.pdf

Hey, Ash. Can you please post this rescind DO - reopening the park so this needs to be updated asap, please. Update BCP home page - remove from closure list - add to reopen list with new DO, park page itself - post reopen. Post new DO.
Thanks so much!

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From: Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: Please post: Itcha Ilgachuz Park Re-opening

Hi Launa,

Can you please have this posted on the web-site as per Jeff Leahy's instruction.

I hope it's still you that I forward these to……if not, could you please let me know or send on to the correct person please.

Thanks! ☺

Heather Marzoff
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From:	s.22
To:	s.22 ; Procter, Chris FLNR:EX; Belliveau, Phil FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; s.22
Cc:	s.22
Subject:	FW: Recovery Efforts for the Elephant Hill Wildfire
Date:	Tuesday, September 19, 2017 11:56:18 AM
Attachments:	KDFGA Letter to MFLNRO regarding Elephant Hill wildfire (Sept 2017).doc

Hello Folks:

For your information. Hopefully this letter will promote discussions and cooperation in the recovery efforts for this fire as well as the other fires in the Province.

The original of this letter was sent to Minister Donaldson and District Manger Rachael Pollard. It was also sent to the MLA's shown below.

From s.22

Sent: September 19, 2017 11:39 AM

To: 'peter.milobar.MLA@leg.bc.ca'; 'todd.stone.MLA@leg.bc.ca'; 'jackie.tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca'; 'admin@tnrd.ca'

Subject: Recovery Efforts for the Elephant Hill Wildfire

Hello to all:

Please find attached a letter from Kamloops and District Fish and Game Association outlining our concerns and some solutions for the Elephant Hill wildfire recovery efforts as it relates to wildlife and other values. We hope that this letter will enhance the discussions on recovery efforts for the numerous large scale fires experienced in BC this year..

Yours Truly

s.22 President, Kamloops and District Fish and Game Association.

From:	Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Reopening of Parks
Date:	Thursday, September 14, 2017 7:13:09 AM
Attachments:	image001.png Cariboo Parks reopening Sept 13th 2017.xlsx

Hey Jeff: I realized after I'd sent this that the 'danger rating' field is not correct. I still don't have access to the wildfire branch's weather data system but I'll get Tom to send me the latest data this morning and then I'll update the table for you. When we looked at it yesterday morning, danger rating was moderate (3).

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From: Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 6:30 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Reopening of Parks
Hi Krista/Mark:

Please find attached a table identifying the parks being considering for re-opening. None of the parks reside in any evacuation order or alert areas and none are within any S.11 exclusion areas except the extreme SE corner of Chasm Park which is remote but we can include wording on the website that that area will remain closed.
Can you let me know whether you see any issues associated with opening these parks from the wildfire risk perspective.
Thanks,

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From:	Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	FW: Wildfire losses
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 1:31:56 PM

Hi Jeff:

Just received from s.22 He would like to have a meet with us when you have a moment.

Thanks, Mike.

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
Subject: Wildfire losses

As of yesterday the Evacuation Order for the Green Lake area has been rescinded marking a point we can all breathe a little easier. 2017 has been a tough year to say the least. The troubles began on July 7th and within a few days rendered our camping season all but over. The fires probably arrived at the worst time and continued through the summer.....all of our start-up had been complete and we were ready to start earning revenue. One thing we learned is that it is very difficult to convince campers to come back to a campsite after it has been closed and reopened and there are fires still burning in the region. The hardships never seemed to end this season. In May and June we had windstorm after windstorm, mosquitos at Shuswap (they chased campers away costing us thousands in revenue, and hardship for employees being verbally abused), floods and washouts and then wildfires. Numerous times we were poised to return to a campsite earlier evacuated due to a fire and another evacuation alert or order would deflate plans.

We are fortunate enough to be Park Operators for bundles through the Thompson and Cariboo and because we operate Parks in the Thompson that weren't closed due to wildfires we have not been forced to bankruptcy yet. We are in financial trouble. Part of what is frustrating is that all other Parks throughout the Province have been just fine. Many have prospered during this time as displaced campers have gone elsewhere. Even though the Thompson had only a few evacuations and closures, the smoke hurt our operations badly. Camper numbers were down throughout the Thompson compounding our losses and financial hardship.

BC Parks (Mike Rowden) requested a report of the amount of losses we sustained in the Cariboo Region a few days ago. I responded with the amount lost from closed Parks s.21 . This number however is only the amount due to closing the gates on the Park. Our losses go further than that. When a Park is opened after being evacuated, campers are not eager to go back into the Park. Also road closures and smoke/ash impact choices by recreation traffic and users. Below are the calculated losses and financial impacts derived from comparing to 2016.

s.21

The Thompson/Cariboo were deemed "State of Emergency" areas. Not a desirable place to go enjoy a vacation.

As you can see our business is trouble. I would like to discuss this with you as soon as you have time.

Thank you.

s.22

From:	Weilandt, Peter ENV:EX
To:	ENV PPA Thompson-Cariboo
Subject:	FYI: Fires 2017
Date:	Tuesday, September 5, 2017 12:33:27 PM
Attachments:	Fires2017.pdf

FYI, An overview map of the fires in the region this year, so far:

Peter

From:	Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Fire Risk Assessment
Date:	Friday, September 15, 2017 4:27:52 PM
Attachments:	image001.png BC Parks Fire Risk Assessment (Sept 15).docx

Hi Jeff: Attached is the risk assessment document you asked for. I have removed Chasm Park and ER based on recommendation of the fire centre in Kamloops because they still reside within the S.11 closure area.

I have also taken Nunsti, Tsylos and Cardiff Mtn. off the list since they are within the title area. Xeni Gwetin has closed the Title area as follows"

"Xeni Gwet'in (Nemiah Valley): August 18, 2017: As of August 18, 2017, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation has announced a **fire ban** throughout the entire Tsilhqot'in Declared Title Area within the Xeni Gwet'in Caretaker Area.

In addition, there will be **no public access to the Declared Title Lands.** The only exceptions will be Tsilhqot'in community members, licensed commercial operators and guided clients, residents and families.

Tsilhqot'in Title Land Rangers will be monitoring and enforcing the area and ensuring the fire ban and closure is acknowledged and respected.

Due to the extreme circumstances of wildfires in Tsilhqot'in territory, the public are asked to respect the closures and the authority of the Xeni Gwet'in First Nation.

Please contact Nancy Oppermann at 250 303 2646 if you require further information."

Question for you to consider: Are we ok to keep the parks closed to the public when they are letting guides and commercial operators in?

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From:	Ranson, David ENV:EX
To:	Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Rikley, Christine ENV:EX
Cc:	Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Fwd: Cariboo Parks Wildfire Impacts
Date:	Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:23:22 AM
Attachments:	Cariboo Wildfire Impacts 2017.docx ATT00001.htm

Hi Angus and Christine - could you have a look at this and provide some advice re the contract and our options. We are interested not just in what our legal obligations are but what we might do if we were sympathetic. Options and implications are desired. We'll need to provide that up to Jim if he takes the call with Bryan.

Thanks,

David

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX" <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>
> **Date:** September 21, 2017 at 7:16:05 AM PDT
> **To:** "Ranson, David ENV:EX" <David.Ranson@gov.bc.ca>, "Austad, Bob ENV:EX" <Bob.Austad@gov.bc.ca>
> **Subject: Fwd: Cariboo Parks Wildfire Impacts**
>
> Hi David and Bob here is the letter from PO I was referencing yesterday.
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> PO does want to talk to Jim again.
>
> Thanks
>
> Jeff Leahy
> Regional Director
> Thompson Cariboo Region
> BC Parks
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Rowden, Mike ENV:EX" <Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca>
> > **Date:** September 20, 2017 at 10:50:35 AM PDT
> > **To:** "Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX" <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>
> > **Cc:** "Hobler, Alan ENV:EX" <Alan.Hobler@gov.bc.ca>
> > **Subject: FW: Cariboo Parks Wildfire Impacts**
> >
> > Hi Jeff:
> > Please find attached letter from s.22 re: Impacts of Fire season. This is a follow up to our face to face last week.

Thanks, Mike
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"Stress is hereditary..I get it from my children!"

From:	Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX
To:	Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX; Quin, Melissa ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Weston, Mark R ENV:EX; Cadden, Don ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Subject:	MINUTES: BCP Wildfire Call - September 1, 2017
Date:	Friday, September 1, 2017 9:45:52 AM
Attachments:	BCPs Wildfire Minutes - September 1 2017.docx image004.png SEFC2017-016 s.11 - Restricted Area RMFD Sept 2-Oct 2.pdf

Hi All,

Attached are the minutes from our wildfire update call today.

As per the action items, below are the contacts for Leah, Wendy and CAMIS:

CAMIS (call centre) – 1-800-689-9025

- If regarding closures, please quote CAMIS-93874 so staff know the history of events associated with that ticket.

Leah (personal cell) – s.22

Wendy – cell: 250-893-0278

As mentioned on the call, the Section 11 for the Rocky Mountain Forest District will take effect at noon tomorrow, September 2 – order attached.

Jennie

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Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX; Quin, Melissa ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Weston, Mark R ENV:EX; Cadden, Don ENV:EX; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Subject: Wildfire Mtg. 8:30-9:00 a.m. then RDT Mtg. 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Hi Everyone:

There will be an BC Parks Wildfire Update Meeting on Friday Sept. 1, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., teleconference details are on the attached agenda. Regional Directors will then continue with their RDT regular Friday Meeting as per the agenda. I will be sending out the other attachments tomorrow morning to the RDs.

Regards,

Robert C. Austad

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From:	Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Dearmond, Wes ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Haughton, Tod ENV:EX; Poulin, Valerie ENV:EX; Wiebe, Michelle ENV:EX
Subject:	Park Closed
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 12:19:28 PM
Attachments:	ATT00001.txt

From:	Cuthbertson, Danielle FLNR:EX
To:	Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Dumais, Cardell FLNR:EX
Subject:	Post Wildfire Planning
Date:	Wednesday, September 20, 2017 11:23:50 AM

Hi Jeff and Al,

Hope thing are well. I wanted to reach out to let you know that we are actively turning our minds to post wildfire recovery on Elephant Hill and looking at all the parties who need to be involved in that process. I know that the Arrowstone Park was significantly impacted during the fire and that a number of natural range barriers were destroyed as an example. As we start to turn our mind to planning for fence replacement etc. we want to make sure that you are included in those discussions.

I am wondering how you would like to be involved in these discussions? As an example, we have a joint meeting with 100 Mile House that is being scheduled to develop a foundation for a multi-value and one-team approach to our post-wildfire workload, ensuring we work together in a seamless and consistent way across districts and regional boundaries. We would be happy to include you if you would like, or if you would prefer a more direct focused approach specific for Parks, we could also look at what that looks like.

Please let us know how you would like to work together on post wildfire recovery.

Thanks.

Danielle Cuthbertson, P.Ag, CSM
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From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: All trails to OPEN in Wells Gray Park Sept 12th @ 8AM
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 7:34:33 AM

Obviously a miss-communication. Oh well, the good news is the trails are re-open. ☺

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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 7:33 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: Re: All trails to OPEN in Wells Gray Park Sept 12th @ 8AM
Nope WG Visitor Centre

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

On Sep 12, 2017, at 7:30 AM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Was this Leslie?
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> Launa Murai, Issues Manager
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> **From:** Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> **Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 7:29 AM
> **To:** Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX
> **Subject:** Fwd: All trails to OPEN in Wells Gray Park Sept 12th @ 8AM
> This got out before IB. I will take responsibility for timing
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> Jeff Leahy
> Regional Director
> Thompson Cariboo Region
> BC Parks
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Haughton, Tod ENV:EX" <Tod.Haughton@gov.bc.ca>
> > **Date:** September 11, 2017 at 9:46:10 PM PDT
> > **To:** "Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX" <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>, "Hobler, Alan ENV:EX" <Alan.Hobler@gov.bc.ca>, "Rowden, Mike ENV:EX" <Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca>
> > **Subject: FW: All trails to OPEN in Wells Gray Park Sept 12th @ 8AM**
> >
> > FYI
> > Tod
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> > **From:** Tourism Wells Gray
> > **Sent:** 2017-09-11, 7:55 PM
> > **To:** Haughton, Tod
> > **Subject:** All trails to OPEN in Wells Gray Park Sept 12th @ 8AM
> >
> > # All trails in Wells Gray Provincial Park to be OPEN as of Sept. 12 at 8AM
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From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: BCP - 30 - Tsilqhot"in National Government Title Overlaps
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:35:29 AM

This is great - thanks, Jeff!

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: RE: BCP - 30 - Tsilqhot'in National Government Title Overlaps
Here you go
s.13,s.16

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:51 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: FW: BCP - 30 - Tsilqhot'in National Government Title Overlaps
Who do I need to go to get the funding commitment info? THx.

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From: Standen, Jim ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: BCP - 30 - Tsilqhot'in National Government Title Overlaps
Note looks good – one minor edit. What we need though is a summary of what funding we are committed to under the accord/bridging agreement.

From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: District of Clearwater UBCM Brief Minister G Heyman Environment
Date:	Monday, September 11, 2017 7:44:30 PM

Eh, it's what teams do for each other!

Just so you're not caught off guard - our GCPE may not be happy that they're just receiving this now - this is the second time this has happened now with FLNRO's GCPE shop. Not a reflection of you, rather, a reflection of the ongoing capacity issues over in FLNRO's shop - no staff, and what staff they have are relatively new so they're not grasping the fact that we need to weigh in and approve everything that makes reference to BCP...

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-----Original Message-----
From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 7:42 PM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: Re: District of Clearwater UBCM Brief Minister G Heyman Environment

Thanks Launa. Sorry to bug you. I know you have tons going on. As always thanks for great support!!

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

> On Sep 11, 2017, at 7:19 PM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Note requests will be forthcoming in the morning. Just finished up with Estimates notes today.
>
> Launa Murai
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>
>> On Sep 11, 2017, at 5:37 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>>
>> Hi Al we will at some point need to have response for UBCM notes.
>> This request will most likely come from Launa
>>
>> Thanks
>>
>> Jeff
>>
>> From: Leslie Groulx [mailto:lgroulx@docbc.ca]
>> Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 6:03 PM
>> To: 2016 UBCM Meeting Requests CSCD:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX
>> Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Clark, Ben JTST:EX;
>> Pilkington, Kim TRAN:EX; Morris, Kirsty L LASS:EX; 'Sukh Gill
>> (sgill@tnrd.ca)'; Director Carol Schaffer; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Guy O
>> - home (gy.ovenden@gmail.com)
>> Subject: District of Clearwater UBCM Brief Minister G Heyman
>> Environment
>>

>> Good day
>>
>> Please find attached the District of Clearwater's briefing notes for the 2017 UBCM meeting request with Minister Heyman as a joint meeting with Miniter Beare, Tourism.
>>
>> We look forward to meeting with you.
>>
>> Thank you,
>> Leslie
>>
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From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: FW: Please post: Itcha Ilgachuz Park Re-opening
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:57:47 AM

Thank you so much!!

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From: Ashlin Richardson [mailto s.22
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
Subject: Re: FW: Please post: Itcha Ilgachuz Park Re-opening

Hi Launa
The DO http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parks/docs/order-itcha-reopening_20170912.pdf
Re-opening notice at park page
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/itcha_ilgachuz/ incl. DO
Park moved from closed list to re-opened list http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/ with DO next to park name
Closed symbol no longer appears http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parks/#I
Rob's database updated and parkInfo.xml uploaded
Cheers,
Ashlin Richardson MSc
Contractor for ENV and FLNR

On Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 10:56 AM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hey, Ash. Can you please post this rescind DO - reopening the park so this needs to be updated asap, please. Update BCP home page - remove from closure list - add to reopen list with new DO, park page itself - post reopen. Post new DO.

Thanks so much!

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
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From: Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: Please post: Itcha Ilgachuz Park Re-opening

Hi Launa,

Can you please have this posted on the web-site as per Jeff Leahy's instruction.

I hope it's still you that I forward these to.....if not, could you please let me know or send on to the correct person please.

Thanks! :)
Heather Marzoff

Admin Section Head, BC Parks
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From:	Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
To:	Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX; Quin, Melissa ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Weston, Mark R ENV:EX; Cadden, Don ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: MINUTES: BCP Wildfire Call - September 1, 2017
Date:	Friday, September 1, 2017 10:12:29 AM
Attachments:	image002.png

Quick clarification: Contrary to what I've said on the call and to what is consequently reflected in the minutes, the TC region did not receive the requested ranger resources yet.

Thanks

Volker

From: Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX; Quin, Melissa ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Weston, Mark R ENV:EX; Cadden, Don ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Subject: MINUTES: BCP Wildfire Call - September 1, 2017

Hi All,

Attached are the minutes from our wildfire update call today.

As per the action items, below are the contacts for Leah, Wendy and CAMIS:

CAMIS (call centre) – 1-800-689-9025

- If regarding closures, please quote CAMIS-93874 so staff know the history of events associated with that ticket.

Leah (personal cell) – s.22

Wendy – cell: 250-893-0278

As mentioned on the call, the Section 11 for the Rocky Mountain Forest District will take effect at noon tomorrow, September 2 – order attached.

Jennie

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From: Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Andrews, Sarah ENV:EX; Quin, Melissa ENV:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Weston, Mark R ENV:EX; Cadden, Don ENV:EX; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Boudreau, Larry ENV:EX; Wilcock, Leah ENV:EX; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX
Subject: Wildfire Mtg. 8:30-9:00 a.m. then RDT Mtg. 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Hi Everyone:

There will be an BC Parks Wildfire Update Meeting on Friday Sept. 1, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., teleconference details are on the attached agenda. Regional Directors will then continue with their RDT regular Friday Meeting as per the agenda. I will be sending out the other attachments tomorrow morning to the RDs.

Regards,

Robert C. Austad

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From:	Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
To:	Weilandt, Peter ENV:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: MLA Barnett
Date:	Wednesday, September 20, 2017 4:44:14 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Hi Peter:

Thought I'd give you the Coles Notes on my discussions today regarding the topic of MLA Barnett's request to open the Green Lake sani-station. I had to remind myself that Donna is now on the other side of the legislature sitting with the Opposition.
These are the relevant facts.

- Green Lake is still under Director's Order and is closed.
- The Evacuation Alert was lifted late last week and
    - South of the lake, where the sani stn. resides, has to stay closed because of the S.11 closure that remains in place over that area.
    - It is possible to open the Park's sites on the north side of the lake because they are outside of any orders, alerts or closure but we have yet to lift the DO on those sites (read on…)
- The sani-stn. sits on crown land and the S.11 order precludes access to crown land so at this time we can't re-open the sani-stn. even if we wanted to
- Bryan has started the process of winterizing his operations (learned this from Mike) so it is possible that Bryan's crews are in the area winterizing the sani-station as we speak or it is scheduled to be done in the next few days.
- Green Lake Park's operating year comes to an end on Sept. 30 and all sites remain closed since we have not rescinded the Director's Order that closed the parks because of wildfires.

The Park's various sites on the north side of lake (Emerald Bay and Arrowhead have campgrounds as well as Little Arrowhead, Black Bear and Blue Springs) could be re-opened now because they are no longer within an evacuation alert area but the main question that we have to ask ourselves is: "Is it worth reopening these sites just for 9 days?" The context is that they are currently closed and reopening them will cause further financial pain to the contractor.
I spoke with Christine Rikley and she has indicated that although under contract the park is to stay open until Sept. 30th, we could easily justify early closure and prepare a written "exemption" (I think this is the word she used) allowing him to close early. On Friday I will have Dana supply Christine with tally sheets for Green Lake to see what the visitor numbers looked like in the last half of Sept. Low numbers would support the rationale to close the park early given the extra-ordinary circumstances this year and the minimal effect on public.
I spoke to Donna Barnett explaining the situation and reminded her that there are sani-stations in 100 Mile House, Clinton and Lac la Hache (she was already aware of this fact). I sympathized with the requests to re-open the sani stn., but told her that we are in the process of winterizing the park in light of the park's current closure status. Unfortunately the conversation went really quickly and I forgot to mention the fact that the sani station sits under a S.11 exclusion order. I have relayed that info now as a follow up.
I have sent an email to Mike R. asking whether he has given Bryan the go-ahead to winterize all his parks in the South Cariboo Bundle or whether it was just Green Lake. My suspicion is that its all of

them since he will be trying to stem the bleeding for our operator and it wouldn't make sense to bring crews back to the area for just one or two parks. Waiting to hear back from him. The parks included in the Cariboo S. bundle are: Big Bar, Bridge Lake, Chasm, Downing, Green Lake, Lac la Hache.
Is there anything else you feel I should do at this time?

Do we want to rescind the DO on the north side sites even if Bryan is in the process of winterizing? The lake itself remains under S.11 order so I believe boating is restricted there anyway.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 8:04 AM
To: Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
Subject: MLA Barnett
Hi Chris MLA Barnett called and wants the Sani dump opened green lake. Leave it to you to discuss with Brian.
Thanks
Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
BC Parks

From:	Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Cc:	Wynnyk, Adrian ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Monck decision note
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:34:08 AM
Attachments:	image001.png

This has been sent to Alan through eApprovals now.

Tx ☺

Heather

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 9:26 AM
To: Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Cc: Wynnyk, Adrian ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
Subject: Monck decision note

Hi Al, I need a DN for Monck. Need it for 1st week of October so can you get to me by Sept 28th.

Heather can you enter in eapprovals with deadline of Sept 28th please

Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
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From:	Haughton, Tod ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Poulin, Valerie ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: North Thompson Provincial Park Access - Road Discussion
Date:	Wednesday, September 13, 2017 1:38:35 PM
Attachments:	image002.png image003.png Park Use Permit for Trans Mountain Expansion Project in North Thompson River Provincial Park.msg

Hi folks,

I've attached my email chain to Ellen Frisch regarding the road access in North Thompson, going back to last October, in case it helps inform the discussion.

Cheers,

Tod

From: Frisch, Ellen [mailto:Ellen_Frisch@transmountain.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Morrison, Ken ENV:EX
Cc: Squires, Jason; Stebbings, Kate; ROC; Thorne, Mike; Walker, Julie; Haughton, Tod ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Poulin, Valerie ENV:EX
Subject: Re: North Thompson Provincial Park Access - Road Discussion

Jeff - thank you for your note. I'll be returning next week and will work with our internal team to explore options and set up a meeting date/time in the next two weeks.

Regards,

Ellen

Ellen Frisch

250-589-9657

-------- Original message --------

From: "Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX" <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>

Date: 2017-09-13 7:22 PM (GMT+00:00)

To: "Frisch, Ellen" <Ellen_Frisch@transmountain.com>, "Morrison, Ken ENV:EX" <Ken.Morrison@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: "Squires, Jason" <Jason_Squires@transmountain.com>, "Stebbings, Kate" <Kate_Stebbings@transmountain.com>, ROC <ROC@kindermorgan.com>, "Thorne, Mike" <Mike_Thorne@transmountain.com>, "Walker, Julie" <Julie_Walker@transmountain.com>, "Haughton, Tod ENV:EX" <Tod.Haughton@gov.bc.ca>, "Hobler, Alan ENV:EX" <Alan.Hobler@gov.bc.ca>, "Poulin, Valerie ENV:EX" <Valerie.Poulin@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: North Thompson Provincial Park Access - Road Discussion

[This email message was received from the Internet and came from outside of Kinder Morgan]

Hi Ellen, we should discuss Roads in Lac du Bois and access through campground in North Thompson. As discussed previously the access through the campground is not permitted under Park Act so alternate routes are the best option.

Will wait for your meeting invite.

Thanks

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From: Frisch, Ellen [mailto:Ellen_Frisch@transmountain.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 8:05 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Morrison, Ken ENV:EX
Cc: Squires, Jason; Stebbings, Kate; ROC; Thorne, Mike; Walker, Julie
Subject: North Thompson Provincial Park Access - Road Discussion

Hello Ken and Jeff:

At a meeting between BC Government and TMEP on August 8, Ken mentioned to me that BC Parks wishes to discuss alternative access arrangements to the TMPL Right of Way in North Thompson Provincial Park.

I wanted to followup and set a time to discuss further. My response to Ken on the 8th verbally, was that TMEP is open to discussing this further, and the letter had outlined that:

- TMEP has proposed to do the work during the season when the campground is not open;
- it is only a 750m route where very limited (stovepipe) construction techniques are using over a shorter period of time.
- TMEP will make all road repairs resulting from use
- TMEP will work with BC Parks to plan any access management and other related concerns.

As construction execution planning advances it would be good to connect and discuss your access alternative proposal and any further details. Does BC Parks have any further feedback on the North Thompson letter? I will look for a time for us to meet in mid September and in the interim appreciate receiving any feedback from you.

Regards,

Ellen

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From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Potential Opening Itcha, churn, big creek
Date:	Saturday, September 9, 2017 5:48:06 PM

We can post today or tomorrow - whatever works for you.

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: 09 September 2017 16:26
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX
Subject: Potential Opening Itcha, churn, big creek

Hi Launa, sorry to bug you but working with fire centre on trying to get Itcha, Churn and Big Creek open tomorrow.

If I can get support from Wildfire I will open tomorrow. Will we be able to post tomorrow? DO will come Monday.

Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director
Thompson Cariboo Region
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX" <Krista.Dunleavey@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Krista.Dunleavey@gov.bc.ca>>
To: "Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX" <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>>
Subject: Plateau fire map

Here is a map of the Plateau fire, showing the s11 closures and parks

GIS is working on another map for the Hanceville area.

Will get back to you with more information.

[FLNRO_Oval_WildfireService_RGB]

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From:	Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
To:	Baillie, Craig ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc:	Poulin, Valerie ENV:EX; Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Re-opening Parks
Date:	Wednesday, September 13, 2017 9:33:53 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png

Hey Craig,
You're correct regarding Big Creek. It's ready to re-open as well.
We're taking steps today towards re-opening several more here in the Cariboo/Chilcotin. The challenge for some of our parks here is that the Wildfire Branch has their own area restriction buffers in place for several of the larger fires which are still in effect even though the regional districts have removed their alerts and orders.
You should have a look at the link below to make sure you haven't got any parks impacted by these "buffer" areas.

Wildfire Branch link to the Forest Use Restrictions in effect until Oct 31st:
http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayBan.asp?ID=498#ForestUseRestrictions
Tom

From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 9:14 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Cc: Poulin, Valerie ENV:EX; Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Hughes, Tom ENV:EX
Subject: Re-opening Parks

Good Morning Jeff,

I wanted to talk with you about re-opening some parks. Two come to mind as ready to open from my perspective but I may not have all the relevant information so that is why I have CC'd the appropriate Area Sups. Dunn Peak and Big Creek Parks should be ready to re-open. Dunn Peak fire has been considered "out" for about a month now and the wildfire website has stopped updating the status of that one. I have attached a FRA we conducted in late August. Big Creek Park never had fire in it as far as I believe and from what I can tell on the CRD website there are no evacuations in the vicinity. Please correct me if I am wrong as I am finding that website hard to navigate to find the appropriate info. I have interest in this one as operators from South Chjilcotin Mountains are asking me.

I can assist in the re-openings if needed.

Cheers,

Craig

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From:	Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Reopening of Parks with updated Danger ratings in Risk Management Table
Date:	Thursday, September 14, 2017 7:26:02 AM
Attachments:	Cariboo Parks reopening Sept 13th 2017.xlsx image001.png

Here you go Jeff – updated table

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From: Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 7:13 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Reopening of Parks

Hey Jeff: I realized after I'd sent this that the 'danger rating' field is not correct. I still don't have access to the wildfire branch's weather data system but I'll get Tom to send me the latest data this morning and then I'll update the table for you. When we looked at it yesterday morning, danger rating was moderate (3).

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From: Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 6:30 PM
To: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Reopening of Parks

Hi Krista/Mark:

Please find attached a table identifying the parks being considering for re-opening. None of the parks reside in any evacuation order or alert areas and none are within any S.11 exclusion areas except the extreme SE corner of Chasm Park which is remote but we can

include wording on the website that that area will remain closed.
Can you let me know whether you see any issues associated with opening these parks from the wildfire risk perspective.
Thanks,

Chris Nowotny RPBio
Section Head, Parks and Protected Areas
Ministry of Environment
Williams Lake
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From:	Nancy Oppermann
To:	Hughes, Tom ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Ofstie, Curtis FLNR:EX; Rottluff, Kathleen FLNR:EX
Cc:	"Chief Roger William"; s.22 ; "Councillor Loretta Williams"; s.22 s.22 "
Subject:	RE: Sept 4 2017 - 4th Update re: Gwadats"ih Campground and area
Date:	Monday, September 4, 2017 6:10:24 PM

Hi all,

FYI

Its Monday, September 4 – we have 2 vehicles and a truck within the Gwadats'ih Campground. The Truck's occupant is cooking on a portable stove. They were told Campground is closed and their response was that "they thought it was open to day use" – they are still there . No license plates available at this time.

Also for your info – we have a bus type vehicle, s.22 – that has been camped at the Creek Bed, a no parking/no stopping zone between the two cattleguards at the north-end of Chilko since Sunday, Sept 3 at noon. Plus 4 more cars arrived today Sept 4 and parked behind the bus in the "no parking/no stopping" zone …

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From: Nancy Oppermann [mailto s.22

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 6:56 PM

To: 'Hughes, Tom ENV:EX'; 'Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX'; 'Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX'; 'Ofstie, Curtis FLNR:EX'; 'Rottluff, Kathleen FLNR:EX'

Cc: 'Chief Roger William'; s.22 'Councillor Loretta Williams'; s.22 s.22

Subject: RE: 3rd Update RE: 2017 Issue Note re: Gwadats'ih Campground

It appears that the group ignored the "backcountry closure" warning received both last evening around 6 pm and again this morning around 7:30 am.

The group preceded to launch watercraft on Chilko River from the Gwadats'ih Campground at approximately 9:30 am today, Wednesday, August 30.

The group had indicated earlier that they were floating to Taseko Junction (Rec Site) today.

- The first group of 12 departed with 1 raft and a bunch of inflatable kayaks.
- The second group followed with six people in one raft and blue kayaks.

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From: Nancy Oppermann [mailto s.22

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:00 PM

To: 'Hughes, Tom ENV:EX'; 'Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX'; 'Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX'; 'Ofstie, Curtis FLNR:EX'; 'Rottluff, Kathleen FLNR:EX'

Cc: 'Chief Roger William'; s.22 ; 'Councillor Loretta Williams'; s.22 s.22

Subject: 2nd Update RE: 2017 Issue Note re: Gwadats'ih Campground

It appears the group left the campground around 9:30 am…

From: Nancy Oppermann [mailto s.22

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 12:13 PM

To: 'Hughes, Tom ENV:EX'; 'Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX'; 'Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX'; 'Ofstie, Curtis FLNR:EX'

Cc: 'Chief Roger William'; s.22 'Councillor Loretta Williams'; s.22 s.22

Subject: Update RE: 2017 Issue Note re: Gwadats'ih Campground

Importance: High

Hi all,

The vehicle license plate is s.22

Business card was provided:

s.15,s.22

Approximately 12 people on site this morning at 7 am (it would appear there would have been another vehicle to drop them off last night)

The group was asked to leave the area this morning again due to “backcountry closure” and that they did not have permission to launch the watercraft at this time.

The group stated that they would raft/kayak to Rec Site at Taseko Junction today. (1 raft and approximately 3-4 kayaks visible in area)

We will follow up to see if they have left the area. No rafts/kayaks have been reported on the water at this time.

…will provide more details if available.

N

250 303 2646 cell

From: Nancy Oppermann [mailto s.22

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 7:58 AM

To: 'Hughes, Tom ENV:EX'; 'Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX'; 'Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX'; 'Ofstie, Curtis FLNR:EX'

Cc: 'Chief Roger William'; s.22 ; 'Councillor Loretta Williams'; s.22 s.22

Subject: 2017 Issue Note re: Gwadats'ih Campground

Importance: High

Hi all,

Report came in this am that a group of Rafters were camping in Gwadats’ih Campground last night, Tuesday night, August 29 around 6 pm.

Rafters were met and informed re the Backcountry Closure and Fire Ban west of the Fraser River and were asked to leave first thing this morning.

They self-identified as being from Chilliwack and indicated they were there to raft to Taseko Junction.

From what I understand at this time – one vehicle s.22) and one raft - More details to follow when available.

Nancy Oppermann

Economic Development & Resources Director

XG Parks & Rec Site Operations Mgr

250 303 2646 cell

From:	Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
To:	Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; RWCOCAR HPR P FLNR:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure
Date:	Monday, September 4, 2017 8:35:32 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Based on our discussions yesterday with the incident commander for the Precipice fire, Volker, I don't think we would have a concern about the Rainbows opening up.
Krista and Matt, what are your thoughts?
Mark

From: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 7:57 PM
To: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure
Hi,
Could you please give me an update on your support for opening the rainbow range in tweedmuir park?
If you do still recommend to keep it closed, please provide a short rationale if possible because I am getting a lot of pressure to open the park
Thanks for all your great work
Volker

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2017, at 10:41 AM, Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX <Volker.Michelfelder@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Thanks – much appreciated
>
> **From:** Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
> **Sent:** Sunday, September 3, 2017 10:27 AM
> **To:** Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
> **Cc:** Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Henry, Murray W FLNR:EX; Phillips, Kerry L FLNR:EX
> **Subject:** RE: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure
> I will be able to let you know early this afternoon, Volker.
> Mark
>
> **From:** Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
> **Sent:** Sunday, September 3, 2017 9:59 AM
> **To:** Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
> **Cc:** Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Henry, Murray W FLNR:EX; Phillips, Kerry L FLNR:EX
> **Subject:** RE: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure
> Mark,
> Could you please confirm that you still recommend to keep the rainbow range north and west of highway 20 in Tweedsmuir Park (south) closed?
> Fire danger ratings there seem to be low and I am still getting a lot of pressure mostly from locals in bella coola (where it is raining heavily) to open this part of the park.
> Thanks
> Volker
>
> **From:** Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
> **Sent:** Saturday, September 2, 2017 11:28 AM
> **To:** Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
> **Cc:** Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Henry, Murray W FLNR:EX

Subject: RE: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure
Thank you – I will amend the RD closure for Tweedsmuir to open a part of the tote road along the Atnarko River (at the eastern end of the valley).
No other sections of the park will be opened.
Volker

From: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Sent: Saturday, September 2, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Cc: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Henry, Murray W FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure
Yes, I support that limited opening, Volker.
Mark
Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.
-------- Original message --------
From: "Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX" <Volker.Michelfelder@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2017-09-02 11:00 (GMT-08:00)
To: "Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX" <Mark.Hamm@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX" <Krista.Dunleavey@gov.bc.ca>, "Henry, Murray W FLNR:EX" <Murray.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure
Mark,
Further to my email about Tweedsmuir South yesterday:
A small portion of Tweedsmuir South is located in the eastern part of the coastal Bella Coola Valley. Of particular interest is a valley bottom section of the area known as Tote road which seems to be in a different climate zone than the plateau.
Yet this area is very important to commercial operators. Would you support opening this small valley bottom section?
Most of the Bella Coola valley is presently getting 20 -30 mm of rain although I am not certain how much the eastern part of the valley is receiving.
Let me know if you would like to discuss further.
Thanks
Volker (A/RD)
Volker Michelfelder, RPBio, PAg
A/PPA Section Head
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks
Thompson Cariboo Region
Hagensborg, BC
(250) 982 2701 ext. 2224

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From: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc: Henry, Murray W FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
Subject: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure
Hi,
To confirm – based on the recommendation from the Cariboo Fire Centre Manager today, BC Parks is NOT rescinding the DO Closure for Tweedsmuir South backcountry.

We will reassess as appropriate.

Thanks

Volker (A/RD)

Volker Michelfelder, RPBio, PAg
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From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: UBMC Minister Meeting note request - Wells Gray - wildfire, etc.
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:47:11 AM

This is the note done last year.

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: UBMC Minister Meeting note request - Wells Gray - wildfire, etc.
Importance: High

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Call me if you have any questions. 250-208-5933
Thanks so much.

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From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: UBMC Minister Meeting note request - Wells Gray - wildfire, etc.
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 1:14:39 PM
Attachments:	303514 - IN - Clearwater and BC Parks (2).pdf

Sorry, I thought it had attached.

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: RE: UBMC Minister Meeting note request - Wells Gray - wildfire, etc.
Can you send it...thanks

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
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From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: URGENT WEB POST REQUIRED - Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park Now Mostly Open
Date:	Sunday, September 10, 2017 9:50:45 AM

Happy to help.

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 9:50 AM
To: XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN; Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN
Subject: RE: URGENT WEB POST REQUIRED - Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park Now Mostly Open

Thanks

Jeff

From: Ashlin Richardson [mailto:s.22
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 9:49 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Re: URGENT WEB POST REQUIRED - Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park Now Mostly Open

On it

On Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 9:48 AM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Ash, we need this posted asap - see below - park opening.

Please advise when complete.

Thanks.

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 9:40 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
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Subject:	RE: URGENT WEB POST REQUIRED - Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park Now Mostly Open
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 1:00:33 PM

Hey there - I think we need to remove Itcha from the closed list and move it to the Partially Closed list - it's misleading to keep it in there.

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
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From: Ashlin Richardson [mailto:s.22
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 10:10 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
Cc: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN
Subject: Re: URGENT WEB POST REQUIRED - Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park Now Mostly Open

Hi Jeff and Launa
Old notice is replaced with new one
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/itcha_ilgachuz/
Do you want park moved from closed list to reopened list, on main page? Or does that wait for new DO?
Cheers,

Ash
On Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 9:50 AM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
Thanks

Jeff

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Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 9:49 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
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From:	Haughton, Tod ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Update on Wells Gray Access and Conditions
Date:	Friday, September 8, 2017 4:04:28 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Hi folks,

Please let me know when it's okay to send this out, or what the concerns are. My intent is just to allay some permittee concerns regarding lack of communication, and ideally take some pressure off of us.

Thanks,

Tod

From: Haughton, Tod ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject: Update on Wells Gray Access and Conditions

Hi folks,

Below is an update I was hoping to send stakeholders today. Fairly generic and hopefully in keeping with what you've been saying. Please let me know if this is acceptable and I'll send it off.

Cheers,

Tod

Hello again,

I'm sending this out to everyone with an interest in Wells Gray. I haven't been involved with the park for a while, so I'm hoping this isn't redundant news and may be helpful.

As you know, there has been a partial closure of the Wells Gray backcountry since early August (info bulletin here: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FLNR0209-001398, and list of trails here: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_gry/trail_closure.pdf?v=1504889177858).

Currently, these closed areas are only accessible to commercially guided parties, led by companies with valid Park Use Permits. For those of you with guests that want to access the closed areas, a list of these companies is here: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_gry/summer_guiding_companies_wells_gray_park.pdf?v=1504889177858 (scroll down for contact information).

BC Parks is in regular contact with the BC Wildfire Service to assess conditions related to fire risk and park closures. With the current cooler temperatures and moisture we will be monitoring conditions and resource availability, and will keep you informed as best as possible. For the latest information please check our webpage at: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_gry/.

Thanks for your patience during this unprecedented season,

Tod Haughton
A/Area Supervisor – Central Coast
BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Telephone: (250) 982-2701, ext 2226.



From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
Subject:	RE: Urgent - Backcountry Opening in Wells Gray - Web update and stakeholder inform
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 7:24:10 AM

IB has not yet been finalized - will forward when approved.
Thanks, Ash.

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933

From: Ashlin Richardson [mailto[s.22]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 12:55 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Urgent - Backcountry Opening in Wells Gray - Web update and stakeholder inform

Hi Launa,
Trail closure list under "Know before you go" now removed, as are notices dated Sept. 11 and Aug. 4
New notice added
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_gry/
Didn't see an IB attached-- no luck yet finding one on news site
Please send me an IB and I'll post it?
Cheers,

Ashlin Richardson MSc
Contractor for ENV and FLNR
On Mon, Sep 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
Hi, Ash. When you're back online we would appreciate you updating the web to reflect the re-opening of Wells Gray Backcountry.

Thanks.

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
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From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:23 PM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Haughton, Tod ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Backcountry Opening in Wells Gray - Web update and stakeholder inform
Importance: High

Hi Launa, can we get this posted ASAP please. I sent you an IB earlier...not sure if we are still using these. DO will be coming tomorrow morning

Tod will be notifying PO and Visitor Center of the opening tonight

Thanks as always

Jeff

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Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:17 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Backcountry Opening in Wells Gray - Web update and stakeholder inform

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* Trail Closure List<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_gry/trail_closure.pdf?v=1505172848168>

July 24, 2017: Park reopening on July 25, 2017 at 7am
As a result of recent precipitation, cooler temperatures and a moderate fire danger rating in northern portions of the Kamloops Fire Centre, BC Parks - in consultation with the BC Wildfire Service - will re-open Wells Gray Provincial Park to public use as of 7 a.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, July 25, 2017

* Information Bulletin<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017ENV0041-001343>

Cheers,

Tod Haughton
A/Area Supervisor - Central Coast
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Telephone: (250) 982-2701, ext 2226.
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From:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
To:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject:	Re: Backcountry Opening in Wells Gray - Web update and stakeholder inform
Date:	Monday, September 11, 2017 7:21:04 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Will be posted tonite- s.22 but will post after.

Thx.

Launa Murai
W) 778-698-4298. C) 250-208-5933

On Sep 11, 2017, at 5:22 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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a.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, July 25, 2017

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To:	Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
Subject:	Re: FW: Please post: Itcha Ilgachuz Park Re-opening
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:57:28 AM

Hi Launa

The DO http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parks/docs/order-itcha-reopening_20170912.pdf

Re-opening notice at park page
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/itcha_ilgachuz/ incl. DO

Park moved from closed list to re-opened list http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/ with DO next to park name

Closed symbol no longer appears http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parks/#I

Rob's database updated and parkInfo.xml uploaded
Cheers,

Ashlin Richardson MSc
Contractor for ENV and FLNR

On Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 10:56 AM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Hey, Ash. Can you please post this rescind DO - reopening the park so this needs to be updated asap, please. Update BCP home page - remove from closure list - add to reopen list with new DO, park page itself - post reopen. Post new DO.
>
> Thanks so much!
>
> Launa Murai, Issues Manager
> W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933
>
> From: Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
> Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:39 AM
> To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
> Subject: Please post: Itcha Ilgachuz Park Re-opening
>
> Hi Launa,
>
> Can you please have this posted on the web-site as per Jeff Leahy's instruction.
>
> I hope it's still you that I forward these to.....if not, could you please let me know or send on to the correct person please.
>
> Thanks! :)

Heather Marzoff
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From:	Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
To:	Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc:	Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX
Subject:	Re: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure
Date:	Monday, September 4, 2017 7:56:44 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image001.png image001.png

Hi,
Could you please give me an update on your support for opening the rainbow range in tweedmuir park?
If you do still recommend to keep it closed, please provide a short rationale if possible because I am getting a lot of pressure to open the park
Thanks for all your great work
Volker

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2017, at 10:41 AM, Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX <Volker.Michelfelder@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Thanks – much appreciated
>
> **From:** Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
> **Sent:** Sunday, September 3, 2017 10:27 AM
> **To:** Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
> **Cc:** Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Henry, Murray W FLNR:EX; Phillips, Kerry L FLNR:EX
> **Subject:** RE: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure
> I will be able to let you know early this afternoon, Volker.
> Mark
>
> **From:** Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
> **Sent:** Sunday, September 3, 2017 9:59 AM
> **To:** Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
> **Cc:** Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Henry, Murray W FLNR:EX; Phillips, Kerry L FLNR:EX
> **Subject:** RE: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure
> Mark,
> Could you please confirm that you still recommend to keep the rainbow range north and west of highway 20 in Tweedsmuir Park (south) closed?
> Fire danger ratings there seem to be low and I am still getting a lot of pressure mostly from locals in bella coola (where it is raining heavily) to open this part of the park.
> Thanks
> Volker
>
> **From:** Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
> **Sent:** Saturday, September 2, 2017 11:28 AM
> **To:** Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
> **Cc:** Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Henry, Murray W FLNR:EX
> **Subject:** RE: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure
> Thank you – I will amend the RD closure for Tweedsmuir to open a part of the tote road along the Atnarko River (at the eastern end of the valley).

No other sections of the park will be opened.
Volker

From: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Sent: Saturday, September 2, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Cc: Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX; Henry, Murray W FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure

Yes, I support that limited opening, Volker.
Mark
Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

-------- Original message --------
From: "Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX" <Volker.Michelfelder@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2017-09-02 11:00 (GMT-08:00)
To: "Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX" <Mark.Hamm@gov.bc.ca>
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Mark,
Further to my email about Tweedsmuir South yesterday:
A small portion of Tweedsmuir South is located in the eastern part of the coastal Bella Coola Valley. Of particular interest is a valley bottom section of the area known as Tote road which seems to be in a different climate zone than the plateau.
Yet this area is very important to commercial operators. Would you support opening this small valley bottom section?
Most of the Bella Coola valley is presently getting 20 -30 mm of rain although I am not certain how much the eastern part of the valley is receiving.
Let me know if you would like to discuss further.
Thanks
Volker (A/RD)

Volker Michelfelder, RPBio, PAg
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Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Cc: Henry, Murray W FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hodgson, Steven ENV:EX
Subject: Tweedsmuir Park DO Closure

Hi,
To confirm – based on the recommendation from the Cariboo Fire Centre Manager

today, BC Parks is NOT rescinding the DO Closure for Tweedsmuir South backcountry. We will reassess as appropriate.

Thanks

Volker (A/RD)

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Subject:	Re: URGENT WEB POST REQUIRED - Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park Now Mostly Open
Date:	Sunday, September 10, 2017 10:09:53 AM

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> Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 9:49 AM
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Subject:	Re: URGENT WEB POST REQUIRED - Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park Now Mostly Open
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 1:31:06 PM

Thanks Launa and Jeff--

-- not the most clear thread in the world, and that's completely OK!

Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park [redacted] remains on re-opened list

Any action re: that or Ilgachuz Range Ecological Reserve ?
Cheers,
Ash

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>
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> Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 1:05 PM
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> Cc: XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN
> Subject: RE: URGENT WEB POST REQUIRED - Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park Now Mostly Open
>
> There are 2 one reserve and one park. Ilgachuz Range Ecological Reserve is still closed
>
> From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
> Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 1:01 PM
> To: XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> Cc: XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN
> Subject: RE: URGENT WEB POST REQUIRED - Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park Now Mostly Open
>
> Hey there - I think we need to remove Itcha from the closed list and move it to the Partially Closed list - it's misleading to keep it in there.
>
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> From: Ashlin Richardson [mailto[redacted]s.22
> Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 10:10 AM
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Subject:	Re: Urgent - Backcountry Opening in Wells Gray - Web update and stakeholder inform
Date:	Tuesday, September 12, 2017 12:54:54 AM

Hi Launa,

Trail closure list under "Know before you go" now removed, as are notices dated Sept. 11 and Aug. 4

New notice added
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_gry/

Didn't see an IB attached-- no luck yet finding one on news site

Please send me an IB and I'll post it?
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Some suggested style edits to have the 'news' lead (backcountry is open again), with BG info afterwards (why the closure had been enacted). Slight suggested change to language in headline as well.



INFORMATION BULLETIN

For Immediate Release
[release number]
September 12, 2017

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Ministry of Environment

Wells Gray Provincial Park backcountry to reopen, effective September 12, 2017

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Backcountry access in specific areas of the park had been closed by BC Parks, in coordination with the BC Wildfire Service and Recreation Sites and Trails BC, to protect public safety. While the public will once again be able to enjoy the backcountry areas throughout Wells Gray Provincial Park, BC Wildfire Service is maintaining a campfire ban throughout the entire Kamloops Fire Centre. Please ensure that campfires are not lit anywhere in Wells Gray Provincial Park until the campfire ban is lifted.

Wildfires are dynamic and circumstances may change quickly.BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service will continue to assess the situation to help protect public safety. Should the need arise, provincial park closures may be enacted in the future.

For more information about Wells Gray Provincial Park, please visit the BC Parks website: www.bcparks.ca. Information regarding the recreation sites and trails adjacent to the park can be found on the Recreation Sites and Trails BC website: www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca.

To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, go to: http://www.bcwildfire.ca

You can also follow the latest wildfire news on:

- Twitter at http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo
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Media Contact:

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Date:	Monday, September 11, 2017 7:40:47 PM
Attachments:	IB Wells Gray Park - Rescind Backcountry Closure Sept 12.docx
Importance:	High

GCPE from FLNRO should have forwarded to our GCPE folk for review before sending to you - Danielle or Dave C. have you seen this yet? We'll need to give our folks time to review and have it approved.
Thanks, Jeff for forwarding...

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
Subject: IB Wells Gray Park - Rescind Backcountry Closure Sept 12
Hi Launa, we would like to get WG backcountry open for tomorrow. Please see attached IB...not sure anymore who has to review.

Thanks

Jeff

From: Merlin s.22
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX [Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca]; Barnett, Hilary TRAN:EX [Hilary.Barnett@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Highways paving contract
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 06:10:20

Morning All,

I met the paving contractor yesterday at the checkpoint... sounds like he's ready to go in a few days.

I let him in, but directed him back to Hilary for permission to go past Hemp Creek yard.

s.13

Merlin

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22 s.22
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX [Volker.Michelfelder@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Interview
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 12:53:23

Hi guys
I spoke with s.22 the employee who was contacted for the interview. She is fine with being jointly interviewed with a Ranger or whomever BC Parks chooses. She is also clear that briefing will be in order before any media exposure in occurring.
Her phone number is s.22

Cheers
s.22

From: Merlin s.22
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX [Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca]; King, John ENV:EX [John.King@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Mahood access.
Date: Friday, August 11, 2017 18:04:15

Hi guys,

I'm not sure how it's going to work, but I'm having to assume the west connection to road 2 from the Cariboo will be closed to the public.

Will need some letter perhaps to allow my staff to travel.

Honestly, if you wanna close it for the season... not gunna fight it.

Merlin

Sent from my iPhone

From: TWG Manager [manager@wellsgray.ca]
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
CC: s.22 s.22 ; Merritt, Dave ENV:EX [Dave.Merritt@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Meeting or Call regarding Park Closure
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 16:04:47
Attachment 1: AFA174FB-43E2-4FB3-9509-9CF39EEF6A64[7].png

Dear Mr. Leahy,

I hope this message finds you well. I appreciate all the work of BC Parks and your staff during this time. I had most recently been in contact with Dave Merritt and Heather Steere who had helped to provide information regarding the closure. We spoke briefly over the phone last week during one of the group morning meetings with the District of Clearwater. I was wondering if you had some time to speak with me and the Tourism Wells Gray Board Chair, s.2
s.22 regarding the current Wells Gray Park closure. Thanks in advance.

Sincerely,
Stephanie

Stephanie Molina
Tourism Marketing Manager
Tourism Wells Gray
Website: www.wellsgray.ca
Phone: 1.250.674.3530 ext. 109

From: Deb Demare [s.22]
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: s.22 RE: Big Creek closure exemption
Date: Sunday, July 30, 2017 13:06:46

If you have an urgent SLRD or Regional District Director matter call me at 250 238-2248.

From: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX []
To: Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX [Madeline.Maley@gov.bc.ca]; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX [Sharon.A.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca]; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX [Mike.Pedersen@gov.bc.ca]; Cheverie, Desi FLNR:EX [Desi.Cheverie@gov.bc.ca]; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX [Rob.Schweitzer@gov.bc.ca]; RWCOCAR HPR P FLNR:EX [FORHPRP.RWCOCAR@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: RE: Closures - public action
Date: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 16:24:07
Attachment 1: FW: Media Release - River Valley and City Park Closures

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The City of Williams Lake has closed the Williams Lake Creek valley (runs from the lake west to the Fraser) to all recreational users.

Mark

From: Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 3:31 PM
To: Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX; Cheverie, Desi FLNR:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX
Subject: FYI: Closures - public action

This advertisement appeared on Monday in the local newspaper. It appears to have been placed by someone wanting to encourage a closure: did not come from the CRD or City. There appears to be good support locally for keeping people out of the woods.

Mark
<< File: Back Country Ban in the Cariboo Regional District.jpg >>

-----Original Appointment-----
From: Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX; MacDougall, Gerry L FLNR:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hamm, Mark FLNR:EX; MacDonald, Sharon A FLNR:EX; Hawkings, John FLNR:EX; Trewhitt, John ENV:EX; Calarco, Andrew FLNR:EX; Rasmussen, Paul FLNR:EX; Martin, Brent L FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX
Subject: Closures
When: Friday, August 4, 2017 3:00 PM-3:30 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where: Online Meeting/Conference Call - 1-877-353-9184 Particpants.17 Moderators.17 (MLM)

From: s.22 [s.22
To: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX [Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca]
CC: XT:Williams, Bryan ENV:IN s.22 Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: RE: Goldpan Wildfire
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 13:43:11

Hi Mike,

Scott just called as he was leaving Goldpan. The fire is all but out with crews still mopping up, no active fires - just a bit of smoldering. The closed signs are down with site 2 closed for the firefighters.

-----Original Message-----
From: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX [mailto:Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: July 27, 2017 9:17 AM
To: XT:Abbott, Neil ENV:IN s.22
Cc: XT:Williams, Bryan ENV:IN s.22 >; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Goldpan Wildfire

Thanks for the update Neil. This was on my list this morning to check on.
Cheers, Mike.

From: s.22 [mailto s.22
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
Cc: XT:Williams, Bryan ENV:IN
Subject: Goldpan Wildfire

Scott just returned from Goldpan. Fortunately there was little wind last night and crews are expecting to put out the remaining hotspots today. The crews did stay onsite last night and we have kept the Park closed for now. Scott will return to the Park early this afternoon and we can re evaluate then.

s.22

This email has been checked for viruses by AVG.
http://www.avg.com

From: BCPECC / CBPECC (PS/SP) [ps.bcpecc-cbpecc.sp@canada.ca]
To: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX [Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca]; BCPECC / CBPECC (PS/SP) [ps.bcpecc-cbpecc.sp@canada.ca]
CC: Gilliland, Jim ENV:EX [Jim.Gilliland@gov.bc.ca]; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX [Alan.Hobler@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: RE: TC NASP Overflight
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 17:33:16
Attachment 1: image001.png
Attachment 2: image002.png

Thank you Craig. I have passed this along.

Skylar

PS LO – Kamlade
250-952-4571
(c) 604-353-2167

From: Baillie, Craig ENV:EX [mailto:Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:14 PM
To: BCPECC / CBPECC (PS/SP)
Cc: Gilliland, Jim ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX
Subject: TC NASP Overflight

Hello,

If there are any flights flying over provincial parks affected by wildfire BC Parks would be very interested in any photos that could be taken provided there is no interference with the BC Wildfire Service operations.

Currently in the Thompson Section of BC Parks we have 2 parks affected by the Elephant Hill (Ashcroft) fire:
Elephant Hill Provincial Park – 50.755 / 121.298
Arrowstone Provincial Park – 50.879 / 121.271

Other Parks affected by fire:
Dunn Peak Protected Area – 51.488 / 120.153
Upper Seymour Provincial Park – 51.616 / 118.942

Parks Threatened by fires nearby:
Anstey Hunakwa Provincial Park– 51.115 / 118.950
Tum Tum Provincial Park– 51.626 / 119.177

Any photos taken in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Cheers,

Craig

Craig Baillie
Planning Chief / Area Supervisor
Western Mountains Area
250-371-6210
Craig.Baillie@gov.bc.ca

From: Gilliland, Jim ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:21 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Michelfelder, Volker ENV:EX
Subject: FW: TC NASP overflight
Importance: High

Jeff, Al, and Volker, not sure where they are flying tomorrow the rep here didn't know but they can take pictures if flying over our parks. Are there any parks we'd really like to have this done for if they are flying in area? If so please provide location information to email address below or call them directly. For the flight tomorrow they want location info today so we aren't getting much notice, but maybe could be applicable for any future flights?

From: BCPECC / CBPECC (PS/SP) [mailto:ps.bcpecc-cbpecc.sp@canada.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Gilliland, Jim ENV:EX
Subject: TC NASP overflight

Hi Jim,

Here is the link to view photos from past days. If you have a request for photos for the flight tomorrow, please provide coordinates today. Thanks!

http://arcg.is/1b5WaC

PS LO – Kamlade
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(c) 604-353-2167

From: Ashlin Richardson s.22
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX [Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca]; XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
s.22]
CC: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Re: FW: Please post: Itcha Ilgachuz Park Re-opening
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 12:03:23

Welcome and thank you so much!!

This is fun

On Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 11:57 AM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thank you so much!!

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933

From: Ashlin Richardson [mailto s.22
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX; XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN
Cc: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
Subject: Re: FW: Please post: Itcha Ilgachuz Park Re-opening

Hi Launa

The
DO http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parks/docs/order-itcha-reopening_20170912.pdf

Re-opening notice at park
page http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/itcha_ilgachuz/ incl. DO

Park moved from closed list to re-opened list http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/%E2%80%8B> with DO next to park name

Closed symbol no longer appears http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parks/#I

Rob's database updated and parkInfo.xml uploaded
Cheers,

Ashlin Richardson MSc
Contractor for ENV and FLNR

On Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 10:56 AM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca>> wrote:
Hey, Ash. Can you please post this rescind DO - reopening the park so this needs to be updated asap, please. Update BCP home page - remove from closure list - add to reopen list with new DO, park page itself - post reopen. Post new DO.

Thanks so much!

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
W) 778-698-4289<tel:778-698-4289> C) 250-208-5933<tel:250-208-5933>

From: Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Subject: Please post: Itcha Ilgachuz Park Re-opening

Hi Launa,

Can you please have this posted on the web-site as per Jeff Leahy's instruction.

I hope it's still you that I forward these to.....if not, could you please let me know or send on to the correct person please.

Thanks! :)
Heather Marzoff
Admin Section Head, BC Parks
Phone: (250) 371-6265<tel:%28250%29%20371-6265>
heather.marzoff@gov.bc.ca<mailto:heather.marzoff@gov.bc.ca><mailto:heather.marzoff@gov.bc.ca<mailto:heather.marzoff@gov.bc.ca>>

From: Ashlin Richardson s.22
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX [Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca]; XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN [richardson.ashlin@gmail.com]
CC: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]; Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX [Heather.Marzoff@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Re: FW: Please post: Itcha Ilgachuz Park Re-opening
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:31:11

Thanks Launa

Back to confirm shortly
Cheers,

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Phone: (250) 371-6265
heather.marzoff@gov.bc.ca<mailto:heather.marzoff@gov.bc.ca>

From: Wells Gray [manager@wellsgray.ca]
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
CC: s.22 |s.22
Subject: Re: Meeting or Call regarding Park Closure
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 22:14:18

That works for me. Thanks again for squeezing me into what I know must a very day. Cheers, Stephanie

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 20, 2017, at 10:09 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Sorry tied up at firecenter in morning. How about ten
>
> Jeff Leahy
> Regional Director
> Thompson Cariboo Region
> BC Parks
>
> On Jul 20, 2017, at 7:30 PM, Wells Gray <manager@wellsgray.ca<mailto:manager@wellsgray.ca>> wrote:
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>
> Hello Jeff,
>
> Thank you for your quick reply. Would 8:30am tomorrow work? If you pass along your number I will call both you and s.22
>
> Many thanks and have a great evening,
> Stephanie
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jul 20, 2017, at 5:02 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>> wrote:
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> Hi Stephanie what time would work best?
>
> Jeff
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> From: TWG Manager [mailto:manager@wellsgray.ca]
> Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 4:05 PM
> To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
> Cc: s.22 ; Merritt, Dave ENV:EX
> Subject: Meeting or Call regarding Park Closure
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> Dear Mr. Leahy,
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> Sincerely,
> Stephanie

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> Stephanie Molina
> Tourism Marketing Manager
> Tourism Wells Gray
> Website: www.wellsgray.ca<http://www.wellsgray.ca>
> Phone: 1.250.674.3530 ext. 109
> <image001.png>
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From: Wells Gray [manager@wellsgray.ca]
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
CC: s.22 s.22
Subject: Re: Meeting or Call regarding Park Closure
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 19:30:20

Hello Jeff,

Thank you for your quick reply. Would 8:30am tomorrow work? If you pass along your number I will call both you and s.22

Many thanks and have a great evening,
Stephanie

Sent from my iPhone

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Stephanie

Stephanie Molina
Tourism Marketing Manager

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CC: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX [Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca]; Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX [Wendy.Magnes@gov.bc.ca]; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX [parksweb@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca]; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX [Angus.Carnie@gov.bc.ca]; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX [Alan.Hobler@gov.bc.ca]; King, John ENV:EX [John.King@gov.bc.ca]; XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN s.22
Subject: Re: Mount Assiniboine
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 21:14:02

Hi Launa

Think we partially addressed this request in another thread

The main page was updated to reflect open and closed

What text would you like added to this page?

We should update that one too

http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/mt_assiniboine/

Thanks,

Ashlin

On Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 2:29 PM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Ashlin, need the web updated asap, please. Decision made reopen most of the South End of Mount Assiniboine - however - the North end remains closed.

FLNRORD will provide an updated IB that we will need to post on the web and it will include a map of the closure area to ensure the public is aware of the boundaries of closure.

Thanks.

Launa Murai
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From: Merlin s.22
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
CC: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX [Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca]; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX [Alan.Hobler@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Re: Sundays plan vs Mondays
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 09:25:01

I'm in town now, let me know a good time or call me on my cell.

Merli

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 26, 2017, at 9:04 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Sure stop by.
>
> Jeff Leahy
> Regional Director
> Thompson Cariboo Region
> BC Parks
>
>> On Jul 26, 2017, at 8:54 PM, Merlin s.22 wrote:
>>
>> Hi guys,
>>
>> Considering we're pretty much back to the conditions we had 10 days ago, I'm a little concerned we're a bit too open.
>>
>> I think some of the backcountry restrictions should be reconsidered, especially longer hiking routes not under the scope of guide companies.
>>
>> I'm in Kamloops tomorrow morning if you want to meet.
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>> Merlin
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>> Sent from my iPhone
> <winmail.dat>

From: Ashlin Richardson s.22
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX [Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca]
CC: XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN |s.22 ; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Re: URGENT WEB POST REQUIRED - Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park Now Mostly Open
Date: Sunday, September 10, 2017 09:49:28

On it

On Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 9:48 AM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Ash, we need this posted asap - see below - park opening.

Please advise when complete.

Thanks.

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933

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Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 9:40 AM
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Cc: Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Nowotny, Chris ENV:EX; Dunleavey, Krista FLNR:EX
Subject: Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park Now Mostly Open
Importance: High

Hi Launa can we post asap.

September 10, 2017: Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park Now Mostly Open
Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park is now open, except for the Cariboo Regional District Evacuation Order and Cariboo Fire Center Restricted Area.

DO will come Monday.

Chris I have called Rodger (message) , Don (message) and Ian to let them know park mostly opened.

Thanks

Jeff Leahy
Regional Director, Thompson Cariboo
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks

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Subject: Re: URGENT - WEB Posting - Mount Assiniboine
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 15:07:42

Thanks Launa

Have seen this request

Will be dealt with shortly

Cheers

On Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 2:55 PM, Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Ashlin, awaiting the IB, however, attached is the map of the closure to ensure the public are aware of the closure area.

Launa Murai
W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:29 PM
To: XT:Richardson, Ashlin FLNR:IN; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX
Cc: Magnes, Wendy ENV:EX; Parks Web Revisions ENV:EX; Carnie, Angus A ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX; XT:Ryan, Shane FLNR:IN
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Thanks.

Launa Murai

From: Becker's Lodge Ltd. [info@beckerslodge.ca]
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Re: Update for after July 26th - Bowron Lake Canoe Circuit
Date: Monday, July 24, 2017 22:27:50

Thank you. We will look forward to your reply. Would it be safe to say that those starting July 27th will have their permits cancelled? I have a couple parties that need to know before they start travelling.

s.22 Reservations

Becker's Lodge on beautiful Bowron Lake, BC
www.beckerslodge.ca
250-992-8864 or 1-800-808-4761

On 2017-07-24 8:58 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX wrote:
> Hi s.22 we will not be able to open by 26. Need to ensure circuit is safe prior to opening including status of fire. Will let you know asap on status.
>
> Thanks
>
> Jeff Leahy
> Regional Director
> Thompson Cariboo Region
> BC Parks
>
>> On Jul 24, 2017, at 5:27 PM, Becker's Lodge Ltd. <info@beckerslodge.ca> wrote:
>>
>> Hi, Jeff... just following up from our phone call this afternoon. Any word yet on what's happening with the Bowron Lake canoe circuit after July 26th? I'd really like to give people an informed answer in the morning. Several guests of ours are expected to arrive on July 26th to start the circuit on July 27th.
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>> s.22 Reservations
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>>

From: Becker's Lodge Ltd. [info@beckerslodge.ca]
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Re: Update needed for July 27th on please - Bowron Lake Canoe Circuit
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 23:16:44

Thanks for the late night update, Jeff. I'll look forward to hearing from you tomorrow. Good night :-)

s.22 Reservations

Becker's Lodge on beautiful Bowron Lake, BC
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On 2017-07-25 11:08 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX wrote:
> I didn't get out but Wildfire flew fire today and will be providing me with update tomorrow.
>
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Subject: Re: Update needed for July 27th on please - Bowron Lake Canoe Circuit
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From: Ashlin Richardson s.22
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX [Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca]
CC: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Re: Urgent - Backcountry Opening in Wells Gray - Web update and stakeholder inform
Date: Monday, September 11, 2017 23:07:40

Thanks

Back shortly

On Sep 11, 2017 7:30 PM, "Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX" <Launa.Murai@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi, Ash. When you're back online we would appreciate you updating the web to reflect the re-opening of Wells Gray Backcountry.

Thanks.

Launa Murai, Issues Manager
W) 778-698-4289 C) 250-208-5933

From: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:23 PM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: Austad, Bob ENV:EX; Haughton, Tod ENV:EX; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; Marzoff, Heather ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Backcountry Opening in Wells Gray - Web update and stakeholder inform
Importance: High

Hi Launa, can we get this posted ASAP please. I sent you an IB earlier...not sure if we are still using these. DO will be coming tomorrow morning

Tod will be notifying PO and Visitor Center of the opening tonight

Thanks as always

Jeff

From: Haughton, Tod ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:17 PM
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: Backcountry Opening in Wells Gray - Web update and stakeholder inform

Hi Jeff,

Here is my suggested update for the Wells Gray website. It follows the format and much of the wording of previous postings.

September 11, 2017: Partial backcountry closure in Wells Gray Provincial Park now rescinded
Effective Tuesday, September 12 at 8am, all trails and facilities in Wells Gray Provincial Park that were previously closed due to wildfire risk are now open. Please note that the campfire ban remains in place - no campfires are allowed.
For more information please read the attached Information Bulletin.

We will have to attach and link the new Information Bulletin. Also, in order to avoid confusion, I suggest we remove the following posts from the site, as well as the previous Information Bulletin and Trail Closure List:

August 4, 2017: Partial backcountry closure at Wells Gray Provincial Park
Effective Saturday August 5, 2017 at 8am, parts of the backcountry at Wells Gray Provincial Park are closed for public safety. For more information please read the attached Information Bulletin and Trail Closure list:

* Information Bulletin<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FLNR0209-001398>
* Trail Closure List<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wells_gry/trail_closure.pdf?v=1505172848168>

July 24, 2017: Park reopening on July 25, 2017 at 7am
As a result of recent precipitation, cooler temperatures and a moderate fire danger rating in northern portions of the Kamloops Fire Centre, BC Parks - in consultation with the BC Wildfire Service - will re-open Wells Gray Provincial Park to public use as of 7 a.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, July 25, 2017

* Information Bulletin<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017ENV0041-001343>

Cheers,

Tod Haughton
A/Area Supervisor - Central Coast
BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Telephone: (250) 982-2701, ext 2226.
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From: Merlin s.22
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Re: Wells Gray status report as of 1:30 Sunday
Date: Sunday, July 09, 2017 14:55:49

Call me please at s.22

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 9, 2017, at 2:07 PM, Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX <Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> Thanks Merlin, how are you and your staff doing?
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Merlin [mailto s.22
> Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 1:34 PM
> To: Hobler, Alan ENV:EX; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX; King, John ENV:EX;
s.22 Steere, Heather ENV:EX
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To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX [Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Sundays plan vs Mondays
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 20:54:09

Hi guys,

Considering we're pretty much back to the conditions we had 10 days ago, I'm a little concerned we're a bit too open.

I think some of the backcountry restrictions should be reconsidered, especially longer hiking routes not under the scope of guide companies.

I'm in Kamloops tomorrow morning if you want to meet.

Merlin

Sent from my iPhone

From: Stephanie Molina [stephanie@wellsgray.ca]
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Thank you!
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:25:21
Attachment 1: AFA174FB-43E2-4FB3-9509-9CF39EEF6A64.png

Hello Jeff,

Thank you for your call yesterday evening. If you are still around Clearwater and would like to grab coffee or meet before you leave town please let me know.

All the best,
Stephanie

Stephanie Molina
Tourism Marketing Manager
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From: Stephanie Molina [stephanie@wellsgray.ca]
To: Leslie Groulx [lgroulx@docbc.ca]; Merritt, Dave ENV:EX [Dave.Merritt@gov.bc.ca]; Sherri Madden [smadden@tnrd.ca]; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Tourism Wells Gray Message to TWG Stakeholders- for your review
Date: Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:08:40
Attachment 1: AFA174FB-43E2-4FB3-9509-9CF39EEF6A64[3].png

Hello Jeff, Leslie, Sherri, and Dave,

Following our wildfire update meeting this morning, I wanted to send a quick update to the Tourism Wells Gray stakeholders. As the message I hope to send relies heavily on information provided by your agencies this morning, I would appreciate your review of the text below to ensure it is as accurate as possible. Please let me know if you have any suggested edits, additions, or advice.

Many thanks,
Stephanie

DRAFT-
"Dear Tourism Stakeholders,

I am writing to let you know that Tourism Wells Gray continues to receive wildfire information and updates from BC Parks, District of Clearwater, and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

At this time, fire danger for Wells Gray Provincial Park and the surrounding area is classified as extreme by the BC Government. It is predicted to remain this way over the next several days based on weather forecasts. For that reason the status quo remains in effect, meaning Wells Gray Provincial Park remains closed as do the trails and recreation sites around the Park (including Clearwater River Trail and Silvertip Falls). BC Parks has the closures in place because they are deemed to be absolutely necessary.

Additionally, yesterday (July 12) another fire broke out south of Pump Town (Blackpool. Please find the most recent District of Clearwater Wildfire Update regarding this fire. http://www.districtofclearwater.com/wildfire-update-fire-south-of-pump-town/ Here you can find the most recent District of Clearwater update regarding the Little Fort fires: http://www.districtofclearwater.com/wildfire-update-from-bc-wildfire-little-fort-complex/

Since the Wells Gray Provincial Park closure was announced, I have listened first hand to tourism businesses informing me of the negative economic impact of the wildfire and Park closure. Thanks you for letting me know about your questions and concerns. I understand that this is an incredibly difficult time for those directly impacted by the Wells Gray Park closure. I want you to know that I have been continually relaying your questions and concerns to BC Parks and local government. BC Parks is aware that the closure is having negative impacts on our tourism industry and are reviewing the conditions and Wells Gray Park closure on a daily basis.

As Marketing Manager, I will be working more proactively with Destination BC, the Thompson Okanagan Tourism

Association, and other BC tourism organizations to ensure that the public in BC, Canada, and internationally has accurate information the status of Wells Gray Park and tourism in our area. I will continue to seek resources that might help your business during this situation and with economic recovery in the future. And as you are aware I have been sure to provide widespread and up-to-date information about the accommodations and activities that remain open to our visitors and stakeholders in an effort to support our tourism economy as it stands.

As always, I am hear to listen and help what is within my power and mandate to assist with.

For the latest information regarding the wildfire and Park closure please see the links below:

- BC WILDFIRE SERVICE STATUS- http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status
- DISTRICT OF CLEARWATER NEWS- http://www.districtofclearwater.com/news/
- THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT- https://www.tnrd.ca/
- BC WILDFIRE DANGER RATING: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-danger
- AIR QUALITY- http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/air/air-quality/air-advisories
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Subject: Update for after July 26th - Bowron Lake Canoe Circuit
Date: Monday, July 24, 2017 17:26:49

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From: Wells Gray [manager@wellsgray.ca]
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Weekend contact
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2017 08:53:21

Hello Jeff,

I just thought I would pass along my cell number. s.22

I was out of the office yesterday afternoon in case you were trying to reach me.

Have a great weekend,
Stephanie

Sent from my iPhone

From: Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX []
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: Wells Gray Country evac Alert
Date: Sunday, July 16, 2017 23:32:36

I see we've put on an evac alert for the upper clearwater. Solidifies the decision even further to close the park.

Take care.

Rob Schweitzer
Kamloops Fire Centre Manager
250-320-0433

From: Lacarya Golf and RV Park [golf@lacaryagolf.com]
To: Milobar.MLA, Peter LASS:EX [Peter.Milobar.MLA@leg.bc.ca]; jharwood@docbc.ca [jharwood@docbc.ca]; King, John ENV:EX [John.King@gov.bc.ca]; Merritt, Dave ENV:EX [Dave.Merritt@gov.bc.ca]; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX [Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca]; stephanie@wellsgray.ca [stephanie@wellsgray.ca]; Hobler, Alan ENV:EX [Alan.Hobler@gov.bc.ca]; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX [Rob.Schweitzer@gov.bc.ca]; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]
CC: info@skihike.com [info@skihike.com]; Riverside Adventures & Fitness Centre [info@riveradventures.ca]
Subject: Wells Gray Park Closure - Impact
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2017 09:43:59

Hello,

Lacarya is a 9 hole golf course with a 24 site RV park attached to the property located ~6km south of Clearwater on Hwy 5. We took over April 3 of this year and we have certainly faced our share of challenges since. However, none of them has had the impact on our business as the closure of Wells Gray Park and the forest fires in general.

Prior to the closure, we had at least 1 or 2 groups of people each day stop off the highway to stretch their legs and have a quick round of golf. We haven't had anyone stop since the fires began. It's like they are running the gauntlet from Jasper to Kamloops, just trying to get through as quick as they can.

We have had countless cancellations from the RV park because the park is closed. People have told me on the phone that "there is no point in coming up there if we can't get into the park".

I have spoken to what few tourists have come in, and they have all expressed disappointment that they have spent so much money to come here for their vacations (often for several weeks) with "nothing" to see. We always suggest alternatives as there are so many fun things to do in the area, but these folks have all come to experience Wells Gray Park.

Finally, we have Chinese bus tours that come in. One of the stops on their itinerary is Wells Gray Park. I have often heard from the guests of the tours, that Wells Gray is one of the highlights, better than Whistler or Banff! I am afraid that if this park closure continues, the tour company will change their itinerary.

With respect, the economic impact on our business and that of others in the area has been devastating. The longer that Wells Gray Park is closed, the harder the recovery will be. We all have a very short season to generate enough revenue to pay the bills through the winter. Please reassess whether the continued full closure of the park is a reasonable step to take.

Thank you,
s.22

Lacarya Golf and RV

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To: Hobler, Alan ENV:EX [Alan.Hobler@gov.bc.ca]; Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX [Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca]; King, John ENV:EX [John.King@gov.bc.ca]; s.22
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CC: Rowden, Mike ENV:EX [Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: ideas
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 13:08:47

Hi Jeff
Your question to me of a few days ago regarding ideas around opening parks and revenue generation has not gone without plenty of thought. Every day that goes by without wind and without further Park closures is encouraging. Without the highways opening and at this time I think it is not wise to open any Parks. Ten Mile may be the best to open when the fires reside somewhat. Right now I just don't have any great ideas.
Just wanted to let you know I am thinking through different angles.
s.22

From: Merlin Blackwell s.22
To: Leahy, Jeff ENV:EX [Jeff.Leahy@gov.bc.ca]; Rowden, Mike ENV:EX [Mike.Rowden@gov.bc.ca]
Subject: losses for July fyi
Date: Friday, August 11, 2017 10:22:44

Morning Guys,

Kristal has almost finished month end.

s.13,s.17

Just an FYI.

Merlin