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## **Recreation Order**

The following Recreation Order is effective **April 7, 2020**.

Pursuant to Section 58 (1) (b) of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, and by order of the Director of Recreation Sites and Trails Branch, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

### **All Recreation Sites with Camping Facilities are Closed**

All recreation uses are prohibited in Recreation Sites with camping facilities.

This Order is made to address public health and safety concerns regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus and aims to discourage social gatherings and regional travel of public recreationists.

This Order will remain in effect until May 31, 2020 or until rescinded or until replaced by another order.

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John Hawkings  
Director  
Recreation Sites and Trails BC

## **Rationale for FRPA Section 58 Recreation Order**

**April 7, 2020**

### **Intent of Order**

The intent of the Order is to:

**manage public health and safety concerns regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus** (help to ensure that unmanaged gatherings do not occur during the COVID-19 pandemic);

- Overnight camping increases the risk of virus spread where people gather and are in contact with frequently touched surfaces.
- Non-family gatherings present a higher risk for virus spread; families from the same household are at lower risk of spreading the virus.
- Limiting available public recreation opportunities supports provincial and national health officers efforts to discourage non-essential travel.
- Recreation Trails remain open; recreation trail facilities where people gather and are in contact with frequently touched surfaces are closed under section 20(5) of the Forest Recreation Regulation. This includes fee collection booths and kiosks, overnight shelters, backcountry cabins, day use shelters, and other related infrastructure