



Notice of Rescission of a Permission to Occupy Crown Land

November 10, 2023

The Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (the “Ministry”) is responsible for the management of most Crown land in British Columbia, under the authority of the *Land Act* RSBC 1996 Ch. 245.

Access to Crown land may be provided through the issuance of tenures under the *Land Act*, or through a permission granted by the Ministry to members of the public under the Permission Policy. The permission to use Crown land is a bare licence which may be limited or rescinded to a greater or lesser extent, from place to place, and from time to time.

Within the Sea to Sky Natural Resource District of the South Coast Region, the Mount Athelstan fire has burned through the Keyhole Hotsprings area and the Lilwatakw7 trail. A preliminary site assessment determined risk to public safety is extremely high and the likelihood of material movement on the slope above the hotsprings is elevated based on burn severity of soils and slope geometry.

As such, the Ministry wishes to limit public access within the Keyhole Hotsprings area, until further notice, to protect public safety.

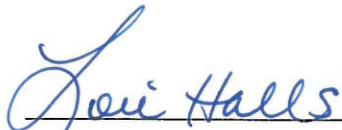
Therefore, the Ministry:

- (1) cancels the previous Notice of Rescission for public within the Keyhole area dated March 20, 2018;**
- (2) rescinds permission for persons to be on Crown land within the area identified on the map in Schedule A, within the Sea to Sky Natural Resource District of the South Coast Region.**

This rescission is effective from November 10, 2023 and does not expire.

Use and occupation of Crown land without lawful authority is contrary to the *Land Act* and is trespass. Persons found using or occupying the Closed Areas during the times indicated may face administrative remedies or trespass charges under s. 59 and 60 of the *Land Act*.

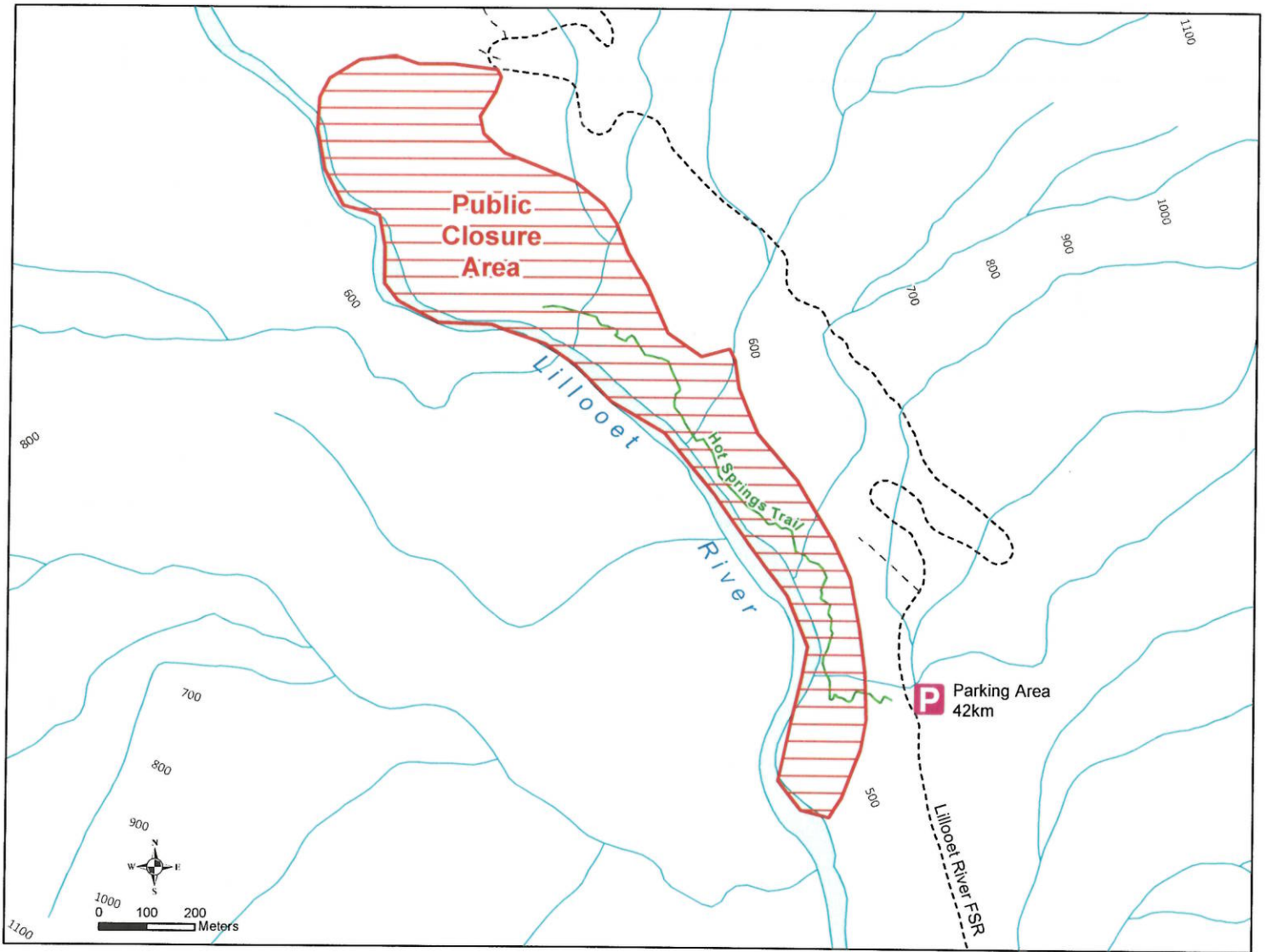
For greater clarity, persons occupying Crown land in furtherance of an Aboriginal right recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982 may continue to access Crown land within the Closed Areas.



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Schedule A: Lilwatakwa7 Trail and Keyhole Hotsprings closure map