

## **ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT**

Re: State of Emergency on Yuułu?ił?ath Lands

Enacted under the Emergency Preparedness Act section 2.4(a) and (b)

YFNO 1/2020

## BACKGROUND:

- A. A communicable and infectious disease known as novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") has emerged in British Columbia and is rapidly spreading and causing serious illness and death in infected persons;
- B. A person infected with COVID-19 can infect other people with whom the infected person is in close contact;
- C. The risk of an outbreak of COVID-19 among the public constitutes a health hazard under the Emergency Preparedness Act;
- D. For precautionary reasons related to COVID-19, including to protect Yuułu?ił?ath citizens and all British Columbians from contracting COVID-19, maintain essential goods and services for Yuułu?ił?ath citizens and to support the Yuułu?ił?ath government's ongoing response to COVID-19, the President wishes to declare a state of local emergency on all Yuułu?ił?ath lands.

## NOW THEREFORE THE PRESIDENT ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Effective as of the date of this Order, the President declares that a state of local emergency exists on all Yuułu?ił?ath lands pursuant to section 2.4 of the Emergency Preparedness Act;
- 2) The Executive's authority under section 3.4 of the Emergency Preparedness Act to implement response measures, including any approved emergency plan, is hereby enabled;
- 3) The director of operations and the director of lands and resources are hereby ordered to perform their duties and exercise their powers under sections 2.5 and 2.6 of the Emergency Preparedness Act, respectively;
- 4) Effective as of the date of this Order and in accordance with section 2.4(b)(i) of the Emergency Preparedness Act, the following response measures are ordered:
  - a. **ONLY RESIDENTS OF HITACU UNDER ESSENTIAL TRAVEL** (screened and approved by the Executive) will be allowed to enter Hitacu. Citizens not ordinarily resident in Hitacu should not return to Hitacu but should instead remain where they normally reside and follow the Province of British Columbia's COVID-19 safety guidelines;

- b. DELIVERIES OF GOODS AND SERVICES (screened and approved by the Executive) will be allowed onto Yuułu?ił?ath lands as directed by the Province of British Columbia's COVID-19 safety guidelines and with minimal contact with Hitacu residents;
- c. NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVELLERS AND NON-RESIDENTS will be asked to TURN AROUND and not enter Hitacu; and
- d. ALL PERSONS on Yuułu?ił?ath lands must adhere to and abide by the most current orders, directives, protocols and guidelines issued by the Province of British Columbia or British Columbia's Centre for Disease Control with respect to COVID 19 response measures.
- 5) Without limiting the directives issued in this Order, the Executive may at any time during the local state of emergency enable additional response measures in accordance with the Emergency Preparedness Act;
- 6) Failure to comply with this Order is an offence under section 4.2 of the Emergency Preparedness Act and any person committing an offence is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.
- 7) This Order expires on April 10, 2020 and is subject to revision, cancellation or extension by the President in accordance with section 2.4(a) of the Emergency Preparedness Act.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this difficult time.

This Order enacted on March 30, 2020, 2020

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Charles McCarthy, President of the Yuułu?ił?ath Government

