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Information Bulletin

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Camping Suspended at Jordan River Regional Park

Victoria, BC- Camping is suspended until further notice at [Jordan River Regional Park](#), the Capital Regional District (CRD) announced today. The decision comes following the BC Hydro seismic study released on December 5, which identified potential hazards from the Jordan River Diversion dam in the event of a major earthquake.

BC Hydro has declared its interest in working with the Capital Regional District to gain support to prohibit overnight camping on land owned by the CRD within the inundation zone. A large scale earthquake could result in an inundation of the area due to an uncontrolled release of upstream reservoir water. The Jordan River campground is located 10km southwest of the dam.

The CRD regrets the impact on parks campers and is reviewing the information provided by BC Hydro to better understand the danger posed to the park. Day use areas of the park remain open to the public.

The park was established in 2010, when the CRD acquired 180 hectares of land at Jordan River from Western Forest Products for \$9.9 million. CRD Regional Parks manages the park, which includes a year-round self-contained campground. The CRD has spent \$107,000 on park improvements since purchasing the land, including campground upgrades, trail building and parking lot development.

For updates visit: www.crd.bc.ca/parks or call: 250-478-3344.

Attachment: Letter from BC Hydro to Larisa Hutcheson, General Manager of Parks and Environmental Services.

The CRD is a local government that delivers 200+ regional, sub-regional and local services for residents of the region which includes 13 municipalities and three electoral areas within 2370 square kilometres on southern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. Governed by a 24 member Board of Directors, the CRD is working to serve the public, and build a vibrant, livable and sustainable region.

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