



COMMUNICATION BULLETIN

Consistent community updates regarding the status of the Shetland Creek Wildfire will be as follows:

- Daily updates Monday - Friday by 2:00 pm on the Village Facebook Page, Website and poster at Post Office.
- After hours or weekend updates will only be posted when emergent information is received and must be communicated immediately to the public.
- Voyent Alerts will be sent for critical information only, not for daily fire status updates.

The Village in collaboration with the HUB, E-Fry, Yellow Head Community Services (YCS) and SD#74 Goldtrail are coordinating transportation for those that may require assistance if a future evacuation order is needed. To prepare we are simply asking residents requiring assistance to call the registration line between 8am and 8pm Monday – Friday at: **250-457-3422**.

Village approach is to plan, be prepared, stay informed and share information to our residents.

July 24, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910

Current Weather and Fire Behaviour: Today, a more seasonal weather pattern is expected. Valley temperatures will reach the low 30s, while higher elevations will see temperatures in the 20-degree range. Relative humidity is around 25%, with an upward trend expected through the weekend. Despite these cooler and more humid conditions, the prolonged drying conditions mean active fire behaviour will continue. Winds will come from the southwest at 15-20 km/hr, with gusts up to 40 km/hr expected from early morning until late evening.

Fire Operations and Area-Specific Updates: Minimal growth has occurred on the Shetland Creek wildfire overall, with only a small increase on the west side. Here's a detailed update on the fire operations across different flanks:

North Flank (Oregon Jack Rd & Hat Creek Valley)

- Crews are conducting 24-hour operations to keep the fire south of Oregon Jack Road.
- Overnight operations focus on structure protection and extinguishing hot spots.
- Heavy equipment is constructing contingency guards and widening existing guard lines to reduce the risk of spot fires.

East Flank (Venables Valley & Highway 1 Corridor)

- With decreased fire behaviour, BC Wildfire recommends reopening Highway 1, although smoke may still be visible.
- Mop-up operations continue in Venables Valley to manage remaining hot spots.
- Increased fire activity on the eastern flank has led to small-scale hand ignitions to tie the fire's edge to natural features.

South Flank (Spences Bridge/Twaal Valley)

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- Increased fire behaviour has been observed on the Murray Creek Forest Service Road.
- Crews are supporting heavy equipment operations to construct guard lines from Murray Creek to Twaal Valley.
- Ground personnel are assisted by aviation resources to slow the fire's spread.

West Flank (Murray Creek)

- Fire activity has increased due to continuous dense, dry fuel.
- Heavy equipment is working to construct guard lines along the Murray Creek North FSR towards Blue Earth Lake Park.

Additional Information: Highway 1 is now open, but the situation remains dynamic, and conditions can change rapidly. For the latest information on the status of Highway 1, please visit DriveBC.

The Village of Ashcroft continues to participate in all coordination calls with BC Wildfire Service and Emergency Management BC to monitor the situation and is committed to reporting back to residents.

REMINDER: In the event that Ashcroft is placed on evacuation order, residents will be notified by Voyent Alert, social media, Website, Bulletin boards at Post Office and most importantly you will be notified in person as we will conduct door to door notification exercise.

Stay safe, be prepared and take good care of yourself and check on your neighbours.

NEXT UPDATE – TUESDAY July 25, 2024

For more information:

BC Wildfire Service at: <https://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/incidents?fireYear=2024&incidentNumber=K70910>

Thompson Nicola Regional District at: <https://www.tnrd.ca/>

Village of Ashcroft at: <https://ashcroftbc.ca/>

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