



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 25, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910

Today, a large low-pressure system will pass north of us and depart overnight. This marks the end of the recent downtrend in weather conditions, with a chance of 1-3mm of rain in the morning and higher humidity around 50%. The daytime high will be 15 degrees. Winds will be reduced, coming from the west/northwest at 15 km/hr, gusting to 20 km/hr in the afternoon. This is the first northerly wind element in over a week.

The rate of spread for the Shetland Creek wildfire has declined, though intermittent crowning is still possible in mid-slope Douglas Fir pockets. Overall, conditions will improve fire suppression efforts. No overnight inversion occurred, ensuring excellent visibility from Lillooet airport to the western side of the fire. However, the Highway 1 travel corridor may experience visibility issues due to smoke drifting in from the northwest and western flanks.

Tomorrow, conditions will become increasingly hot and dry, leading to a heating and drying trend into the weekend.

- **Low Pressure System:** Passing north, departing overnight.
- **Weather Conditions:**
 - Rain: 1-3mm potential in the morning.
 - Humidity: ~50%.
 - Temperature: High of 15°C.
 - Winds: West/northwest, 15 gusting 20 km/h.
 - Visibility: Excellent from Lillooet airport to the western side of the fire.
- **Fire Spread:** Declining spread rates, potential intermittent crowning in mid-slope Douglas Fir pockets.
- **Fire Suppression:** Improving conditions.
- **Visibility Issues:** Smoke affecting Highway 1 corridor.
- **Tomorrow's Forecast:** Increasingly hot and dry, leading to a heating and drying trend into the weekend.

Operations:

North Flank (Oregon Jack Rd & Hat Creek Valley)

- Fire remains south of Oregon Jack Road.

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- 24/hr operations to prevent fire spread.
- Guard construction: Hat Creek Road to Cornwall Hills Provincial Park, Blue Earth Lake to Hat Creek Valley (25 km).
- Structure protection ongoing in southern Hat Creek Valley.

East Flank (Venables Valley & Highway 1 Corridor)

- Decreased smoke visibility, ongoing mop-up of hotspots.
- Increased fire activity observed, fire spotted over Minnabariet Road.
- Small-scale hand ignitions planned to tie the fire edge to natural features.

South Flank (Spences Bridge/Twaal Valley)

- Increased fire behaviour along Murray Creek drainage, not threatening Spences Bridge.
- Heavy equipment constructing guard along Murray Creek to Rannie Pit Road, through Twaal Valley.
- Ground personnel supported by aviation resources.

West Flank (Murray Creek)

- Increased fire activity due to dense, dry fuel.
- Heavy equipment constructing guard along Murray Creek North FSR.

Other Information

- **Highway 1:** Open.
- **Incident Status:** Dynamic, rapid changes possible.
- **More Info:**
 - Highway status: [DriveBC](#).
 - Evacuation alerts/orders: [EmergencyInfoBC](#).

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 – FRIDAY July 26, 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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