



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 26, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910

Good News, the Village of Ashcroft's Evacuation Alert is rescinded effective 1530 hours yesterday afternoon and the Ashcroft Ranch Evacuation Order was downgraded to an Alert effective 800 hours this morning July 26th.

Current Conditions:

Yesterday, conditions were favorable for fire suppression efforts, with no increase in fire size observed. However, fire behavior is expected to increase tomorrow, trending towards warmer and drier conditions.

Operations:

North Flank: Oregon Jack Rd & Hat Creek Valley

- The wildfire remains south of Oregon Jack Road.
- Crews are conducting 24-hour operations to prevent fire spread.
- Overnight operations focus on structure protection and hot spot extinguishing.
- A structure protection engine will patrol the area as a preventative measure.
- Heavy equipment is constructing a contingency guard from Hat Creek Road east to Cornwall Hills Provincial Park.
- Guard construction from Blue Earth Lake to Hat Creek Valley is nearly complete, with an estimated completion by the end of tomorrow.
- Structure protection personnel are maintaining apparatus on identified values in the southern part of Hat Creek Valley.

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East Flank: Venables Valley & Highway 1 Corridor

- Crews are engaged in 24-hour operations to mop up remaining heat in the Venables Valley.
- A structure protection tender supports hot spot actioning.
- Increased fire activity was observed on the eastern flank; crews continue small-scale hand ignitions to tie the fire perimeter to natural features.
- Structure protection personnel maintain apparatus and support firefighting efforts with water engines.

South Flank: Spences Bridge/Twaal Valley

- Structure protection crews are established in Spences Bridge, installing and maintaining apparatus.
- Decreased fire behavior on the south flank has allowed heavy equipment to be redirected to the west flank.
- Crews support heavy equipment operations to construct guard lines along Murray Creek and towards Twaal Valley.
- Ground personnel are supported by aviation resources to slow the spread where containment lines are challenged.

West Flank: Murray Creek

- Heavy equipment crews are cleaning up the roadside to establish containment lines along the west Murray Creek FSR.
- Increased fire activity is observed due to dense, dry fuel.
- Guard construction continues along the Murray Creek North FSR, tying into the guard established west of Blue Earth Lake Park.

Other:

- Highway 1 is open. This incident remains dynamic, and conditions can change rapidly. More information on the status of the Highway 1 travel corridor can be found on DriveBC:
- There are 170 Firefighters, 12 helicopters, 34 pieces of heavy equipment, and 3 line locaters, 1 Structure Protection Branch Director, 1 Structure Protection Specialists and 48 structure protection personnel, supported by 3 structure protection engines and 3 structure protection water tenders actioning the Shetland Creek Wildfire today.

NEXT UPDATE – TUESDAY 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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