

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.

Reminder: Village of Ashcroft is in the all clear and no longer on Evacuation Alert as of July 25 at 15:30 hours.

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

July 29, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910

Current size: 24,932.8 Hectares

Weather/Fire Behaviour:

- Decreased fire behaviour expected due to below-seasonal temperatures and high relative humidity (70%).
- Southerly, light winds and overcast skies will help suppress fire activity.
- Crews are engaging in direct attack operations.

Operations:

North Flank: Oregon Jack Rd & Hat Creek Valley

- Shetland Creek wildfire remains south of Oregon Jack Road.
- Rank 2 fire behaviour observed; crews are addressing hotspots.
- Guard construction from Blue Earth Lake to Oregon Jack Park is complete.
- Structure protection personnel active in Hat Creek Valley.

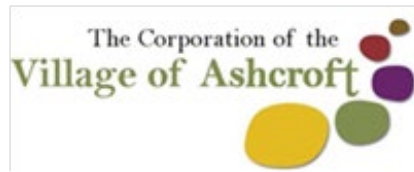
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East Flank: Venables Valley & Highway 1 Corridor

- Decreased fire behaviour observed in Venables Valley.
- Structure protection apparatus being repositioned.
- Crews continue to manage hotspots.

South Flank: Spences Bridge/Twaal Valley

- Planned ignition operation conducted on July 27; no further operations due to weather.
- 10-person crew on site to reinforce guard and extinguish hotspots.
- Line locators establishing a second contingency guard.
- Structure protection crews active in Spences Bridge.

West Flank: Murray Creek

- Heavy equipment constructing guard south of Blue Earth Lake Park.
- Crews working to establish containment lines along Murray Creek FSR.
- Increased fire activity due to dry fuel.

Other:

- Highway 1 is open; for status updates, visit [DriveBC](https://drivebc.ca/).
- TNRD has expanded Evacuation Orders and Alerts. For more information, visit [EmergencyInfoBC](https://emergencyinfobc.ca/).
- There are 199 firefighters, 13 helicopters, 29 pieces of heavy equipment and 3 line locators, 1 Structure Protection Branch Director, two Structure Protection Specialists and 28 structure protection personnel, supported by 2 structure protection engines and 1 structure protection water tender actioning the Shetland Creek Wildfire today.

NEXT UPDATE – TUESDAY July 30, 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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