



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 30, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910

Current size: 24,932.8 Hectares

The Village of Ashcroft remains at low risk

Weather/Fire Behaviour:

Yesterday's wildfire behaviour decreased due to cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity. Winds have been light and southerly, aiding suppression efforts by reducing fire intensity and allowing crews to carry out direct attack operations effectively.

Operations Overview:

North Flank: Oregon Jack Rd & Hat Creek Valley

- **Current Status:** The Shetland Creek wildfire remains south of Oregon Jack Road. Rank 2 fire behaviour, characterized by low vigour surface fires, was noted adjacent to the road. Personnel have actively addressed hot spots to prevent the fire from crossing the road.
- **Ongoing Actions:** Crews will continue monitoring and addressing any hotspots along Oregon Jack Road. Guard construction from Blue Earth Lake to Oregon Jack Park is complete. Structure protection teams are active in the southern Hat Creek Valley, ensuring apparatus are maintained for identified values.

East Flank: Venables Valley & Highway 1 Corridor

- **Current Status:** Fire behaviour around values in Venables Valley has decreased.

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- **Ongoing Actions:** Structure Protection Apparatus will be repositioned as needed based on observed fire activity. Crews remain active in Venables Valley and are on standby to address any hotspots.

South Flank: Spences Bridge/Twaal Valley

- **Recent Operations:** A low-intensity planned ignition operation was completed on July 27 from Twaal Valley to Murray Valley. This operation was successful and held as of July 28. Due to unfavourable conditions, no further planned ignition operations were conducted today.
- **Ongoing Actions:** A 10-person crew is reinforcing the guard and extinguishing hot spots. Line Locators are establishing a second contingency guard between Murray Creek East and West. Structure Protection crews have been deployed in Spences Bridge, installing apparatus as a preventative measure and working alongside multiple agencies for a coordinated response.

West Flank: Murray Creek

- **Current Status:** Increased fire activity is observed on the west flank due to dense dry fuel.
- **Ongoing Actions:** Heavy equipment is constructing guards south of Blue Earth Lake Park, along Lалуwissin-Pasulko FSR, and cleaning up roadside areas along the west Murray Creek FSR to establish containment lines.

Additional Information:

- **Highway 1:** The highway remains open. For updates, visit [DriveBC](#).

Note: Conditions remain dynamic, and the situation can change rapidly. For the latest updates, please refer to local emergency management resources.

NEXT UPDATE – TUESDAY July 31, 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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