



## 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.**

### **August 1, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910**

**Current size: 24,063.8 Hectares**

**The Village of Ashcroft remains at low risk**

#### **Weather/Fire Behaviour:**

- Increased activity expected from today through the weekend.
- Higher temperatures and lower relative humidity will increase fire behaviour.
- Instability forecast for Friday into Saturday, with a risk of lightning and strong downdrafts near thunderstorms.

#### **Operations:**

##### **North Flank: Oregon Jack Rd & Hat Creek Valley**

- Ongoing danger tree assessment and falling along Oregon Jack Road.
- Crews using direct attack with helicopter support due to favourable fuel conditions.
- Securing machine guard from Blue Earth Lake to Oregon Jack Park with hose lines, bladders, and sprinklers.
- Structure Protection personnel patrolling Hat Creek Valley, maintaining protection apparatus on identified values.

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### **West Flank: Murray Creek**

- Challenging terrain and receptive fuels in the area, potential for spotting.
- Continuing guard construction connecting with East Murray Creek.
- Airtanker reconnaissance requested for retardant line planning.

### **South Flank: Spences Bridge/Twaal Valley**

- Conducting mop-up operations, working 100ft from the perimeter.
- Monitoring and patrolling with bucketing support in the drainage area.
- Expect increased smoke and small columns upslope from the established guard.
- Structure Protection crews established in Spences Bridge, maintaining systems alongside multiple agencies.

### **East Flank: Venables Valley & Highway 1 Corridor**

- Patrolling along Highway 1, addressing any spotting on the east side.
- Decreased fire behaviour around values in Venables Valley.
- Repositioning Structure Protection apparatus to areas with increased fire activity.

### **Other:**

- Area restriction near Shetland Creek wildfire (K70910) effective from 12 p.m. PDT on July 30. Full details in the information bulletin.
- Highway 1 is open; conditions may change rapidly. More information on road status at DriveBC.
- Multiple Evacuation Orders and Alerts in effect; full details on EmergencyInfoBC.

**NEXT UPDATE – FRIDAY, August 2, 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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