



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 of Ashcroft is in the “all clear”

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

August 14, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910

Current size: 28,081.95 Hectares

The Village of Ashcroft remains at low risk

Weather/Fire Behaviour:

- An upper low is bringing slightly cooler temperatures and higher humidity. Scattered thunderstorms are expected over the coming days.
- Today will start sunny, with increasing clouds and isolated thunderstorms. Temperatures will reach the mid-20s in higher areas and up to 32°C in valley bottoms.
- Winds will be from the south at 10-15 km/h, with gusts up to 25 km/h.
- Fire behaviour will vary, with potential for crown fire in areas without recent rain, especially in the southwest corner. Fire behaviour will be limited where rain has fallen, and downdraft winds from thunderstorms may influence fire activity. The north and east flanks have low fire behaviour, not threatening containment.

Resources:

- The Incident Management Team is in command, with 154 ground personnel (including BC Wildfire Service and contract crews), 17 helicopters, 11 Structure Protection personnel, and 21 pieces of heavy equipment.

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Operations:

- **Southwest and West Flanks (Murray Creek):** The most active area, with helicopters, heavy equipment, and ground crews working to secure containment below Murray Plateau using direct attack methods and sprinkler systems on North Murray and the east side of Murray Creek.
- **East Flank (Spences Bridge, Venables Valley & Highway 1):** Isolated smoke on Arthur Seat mountain, not challenging containment. Highway 1 is monitored daily for hot spots, with mop-up completed in Venables Valley.
- **North and Northwest Flanks (Oregon Jack Rd & Hat Creek Valley):** Crews are extinguishing hot spots along Oregon Jack Road and using direct attack tactics between Three Sisters Creek and Blue Earth Lake, aiming to fully extinguish hot spots within 25 feet of the fire's edge. Today, if conditions are favourable, crews will conduct small scale hand ignitions (less than two hectares) to remove unburned fuel along containment lines.

NEXT UPDATE – THURSDAY, August 15, 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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