



## 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 15, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910**

**Current size: 28,081.95 Hectares**

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

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

- Upper flow from south/southwest bringing moisture, risk of afternoon thunderstorms with erratic winds and light precipitation.
- Small risk of late afternoon/evening thunderstorms today; max temp 26°C, min relative humidity 30%.
- Moderate to heavy showers expected Friday into Saturday (2mm Friday, 10-15mm Saturday evening).
- Relative humidity to increase (40-60%) through the weekend; temperatures to lower into mid-teens by Friday.

### **Resources:**

- Incident Management Team in operational command.
- 202 ground personnel (BC Wildfire Service crews, contract crews, danger tree assessors, fallers).
- 17 helicopters assigned.
- 11 Structure Protection personnel, 1 Type 5 engine assigned.
- 22 pieces of heavy equipment assigned.

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## Operations:

- **Southwest and West Flanks (Murray Creek):**
  - Most active fire area; helicopters and heavy equipment supporting ground crews.
  - Crews securing containment below Murray Plateau using direct attack methods, establishing a 50-100 foot blackline.
  - Danger Tree assessments and falling ongoing along Murray Road.
  - Sprinkler systems used to bolster containment on North Murray, east side of Murray Creek.
- **East Flank (Spences Bridge, Venables Valley & Highway 1):**
  - Isolated smoke pockets on eastern face of Arthur Seat; no challenge to containment.
  - Daily monitoring of Highway 1 corridor to address potential hot spots.
- **North and Northwest Flanks (Oregon Jack Rd & Hat Creek Valley):**
  - Direct attack tactics continue on western edge between Three Sisters Creek and Blue Earth Lake, focusing on extinguishing hot spots within 25 feet of fire's edge.

## Other:

- Area restriction in place for Shetland Creek fire (K70910); refer to BCWS bulletin for details.
- Highway 1 is open; check DriveBC for status updates.
- Multiple Evacuation Orders and Alerts remain in effect; details on EmergencyInfoBC.

**NEXT UPDATE – THURSDAY, August 16, 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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