



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 2, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910

Current size: 24,381.4 Hectares

The Village of Ashcroft remains at low risk

Weather/Fire Behaviour:

- Significant increase in fire behaviour on the Shetland Creek wildfire's southwest corner near Pasulko Peak.
- Smoke columns visible in the area.
- Today: Expect active fire behaviour with dry thunderstorms from late afternoon/evening.
- Southerly winds 15-20 km/h, gusting to 30 km/h, expected in the afternoon.
- Relative humidity dropping to 15%, increasing fire behaviour and flame uptake in flashy fuels.
- Thunderstorms may produce strong downdrafts (up to 70 km/h), leading to aggressive spread and long-range spotting.
- More instability forecasted for Saturday with northerly winds developing into Sunday.
- Risk of lightning and strong downdrafts near thunderstorms continues.
- Elevated fire behaviour likely over the next 3-5 days despite slightly higher humidity on Saturday and Sunday.

Operations:

- **Southwest Flank: Murray Creek**
 - Fire growth near Pasulko Peak due to challenging terrain, weather, and dry fuels.
 - Continuing bucketing operations to check fire advance.
 - Prioritizing containment efforts on this flank.

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- Planned ignition operations conducted to remove unburned fuels and bring fire to containment lines.
- Guard construction ongoing connecting with East Murray Creek.
- **Southeast Flank: Spences Bridge/Twaal Valley**
 - Several hot spots successfully actioned yesterday.
 - Crews conducting mop-up operations, working 100ft from the perimeter.
 - Monitoring and patrolling with bucketing support in Twaal drainage.
 - Increased smoke and small plumes expected due to weather and fuel indices.
 - Structure protection set up in Spences Bridge as a preventative measure, with crews on-site for maintenance and cohesive response.
- **North Flank: Oregon Jack Rd & Hat Creek Valley**
 - Ongoing assessment and falling of danger trees along Oregon Jack Road.
 - Direct attack with helicopter support where required.
 - Securing machine guard from Blue Earth Lake to Oregon Jack Park.
 - Structure protection patrols in Hat Creek Valley, maintaining apparatus on identified values.
- **East Flank: Venables Valley & Highway 1 Corridor**
 - Continued patrols along Highway 1, addressing any spotting on the east side.

Other:

- Area Restriction in effect around Shetland Creek wildfire (K70910) since July 30 at 12 p.m. PDT for public and responder safety. Full details in the information bulletin.
- Highway 1 currently open; dynamic incident with rapidly changing conditions. Check DriveBC for updates.
- Multiple Evacuation Orders and Alerts remain in effect. Full details available on EmergencyInfoBC.

NEXT UPDATE – TUESDAY, August 6, 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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