



## 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 6, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910**

**Current size: 27,229.84 Hectares**

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

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

- A thunderstorm passed over the region yesterday, bringing 1-10 mm of rain, erratic winds, thunder, and lightning.
- The upper trough has shifted south, leading to more stable conditions and a return to warm weather.
- Today's weather: sunny and hazy, temperatures ranging from low 20s at higher elevations to 32°C in valley bottoms.
- Relative humidity will drop to 25-35%, with northerly winds of 10-15 km/h and gusts up to 30 km/h.
- Slight risk of thunderstorms today.
- Expect hot and dry weather on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Fire behaviour was subdued due to higher humidity and cooler temperatures, but the rain varied across the fireground.
- Rank 1 to Rank 3 fire behaviour expected today, with higher activity possible in areas with less rain, particularly in the southwest corner and parts of the west flank.

#### **Resources:**

- An Incident Management Team is leading the response.
- 185 firefighters and support personnel, including BC Wildfire Service members, contract crews, equipment operators, and danger tree fallers.

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- 16 helicopters and three aviation management personnel are on site.
- 21 Structure Protection personnel, two engines, and one tender are involved.
- 40 pieces of heavy equipment are in use.

#### **Operations:**

##### ***Southwest Flank: Murray Creek***

- Lower fire behaviour expected, with potential elevation in the southwest corner and western flank.
- Crews securing containment lines and access options.
- Recent drying allowed fire growth in the Murray Creek area.
- Ground and aviation resources are active.

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

- Fire burning high on the eastern face of Arthur's Seat, with no direct attack possible due to terrain.
- Crews setting up a water delivery system and monitoring for fire and debris.
- Hot spot and mop-up operations continue in the Twaal Creek/Friesen area.
- Highway 1 corridor is monitored for hot spots.
- Structure protection remains in Spences Bridge until further notice.

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

- Crews addressing hot spots based on aerial scan data.
- Preventive measures in place to protect Hat Creek Valley.
- Structure protection continues in the area.
- Small-scale hand ignitions may be used to strengthen containment.

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

- Crews locating and extinguishing hot spots using aerial scan data.
- Community re-entry begins today for properties in the Venables Valley (visit Thompson-Nicola Regional District webpage for details).
- Ongoing mop-up efforts and monitoring of hot spots.
- Current containment objectives are being met; no threat to existing containment along the east flank and Highway 1 corridor.

**NEXT UPDATE – WEDNESDAY, August 7, 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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