



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.

As of July 25 at 15:30 hours, the Village of Ashcroft is in the “all clear” and not on Evacuation Alert.

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

August 7, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910

Current size: 27,229.84 Hectares

The Village of Ashcroft remains at low risk

Weather/Fire Behaviour:

- Weak northerly flow, warm and dry conditions
- Slight chance of thunderstorms today (Wednesday)
- Increasing chance of thunderstorms with rain on Thursday and Friday
- Relative humidity: 20-25%
- Winds: northerly 10-15 km/h, gusting to 30 km/h, potentially southeast at times
- Rank 1-2 fire behaviour observed yesterday; Rank 1-3 expected today
- Higher fire behaviour likely in southwest and west flanks, which received little rain
- More rain in the northern sections, less in the south
- Higher fire behaviour expected from Murray drainage to Pasulko ridge
- BCWS focusing on containment of the western and southwestern flanks

Resources:

- Incident Management Team in operational command
- 183 firefighters and support personnel (BC Wildfire Service, contract crews, equipment operators, danger tree fallers, and assessors)
- 17 helicopters with pilots and three aviation management personnel
- 19 Structure Protection personnel, two engines, one water tender
- 44 pieces of heavy equipment

Operations:

Southwest Flank: Murray Creek

- Potential increased fire behaviour in Murray Creek drainages and western flank

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- Crews attacking a small spill-over area on the southwest corner
- Helicopters supporting ground crews to check fire advance
- Crews working along Lалуwissin-Pasulko Forest Service Road for guard protection and direct attack

Southeast Flank: Spences Bridge/Twaal Valley & Highway 1 Corridor South

- Fire burning high on Arthur's Seat; direct attack not possible due to terrain
- Crews setting up water delivery lower on Arthur's Seat, monitoring and extinguishing fire and debris
- Hot spot and mop up continuing in Twaal Creek/Friesen area
- Highway 1 corridor monitored and patrolled for hot spots with aviation support available
- Isolated hot spots visible from Spences Bridge/Cook's Ferry and Highway 1

North Flank: Oregon Jack Rd & Hat Creek Valley

- Aerial scan completed; crews extinguishing hot spots along Oregon Jack Road
- Water delivery systems and helipads being built to prevent spread to Hat Creek Valley
- Structure protection patrols ongoing in Hat Creek Valley and Oregon Jack Road
- Small-scale hand ignitions north of Blue Earth Lake to tie in black line to the guard
- Mopping up small spot fires from Three Sisters south to Blue Earth Lake

East Flank: Venables Valley & Highway 1 Corridor North

- Using aerial scan data to locate and extinguish hot spots in Venables Valley
- Community re-entry underway in Venables Valley
- Highway 1 corridor patrolled for isolated hot spots with visible smoke and flames
- Crews actively patrolling and addressing areas of concern near the highway and communities
- Current fire activity not threatening existing containment along east flank and Highway 1 corridor

NEXT UPDATE – WEDNESDAY, August 8, 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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