



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, 2024, at 1530 hours, the Village of Ashcroft is in the “all clear”

As of August 7, 2024, at 1700 hours, the Ashcroft Ranch properties are in the “all clear”

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

August 8, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910

Current size: 27,229.84 Hectares

The Village of Ashcroft remains at low risk

Weather/Fire Behaviour:

- **Today's Weather:** Sunny with increasing clouds; chance of a dry thunderstorm.
- **Temperature:** Upper 20s°C at higher elevations, near 35°C in valley bottoms.
- **Overnight Conditions:** Fair to poor recoveries; relative humidity 15-20%.
- **Winds:** Northerly, 10-15 km/h, with gusts up to 30 km/h.
- **Fire Behaviour:** Yesterday, crews encountered Rank 1 and Rank 2 fire behaviour, with isolated areas of Rank 3 in the Murray Creek drainages and south of Blue Earth Lake.
 - **Today's Expectations:** Rank 3 to Rank 4 fire behaviour is expected in these areas.
 - **North and East Flanks:** Lower fire behaviour observed; containment objectives are not currently challenged.
- **BCWS Efforts:** Focus on containing free-burning fire on the western and southwestern flanks.

Resources:

- **Incident Command:** Managed by an Incident Management Team.
- **Personnel:** 183 firefighters and support staff, including BC Wildfire Service personnel, contract crews, equipment operators, and danger tree fallers/assessors.
- **Aviation:** 15 helicopters with pilots and three aviation management personnel assigned.
- **Structure Protection:** 19 personnel, two engines, and one water tender deployed.
- **Heavy Equipment:** 43 pieces assigned to the incident.

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Operations:

- **Southwest Flank (Murray Creek):**
 - **Fire Behaviour:** Expected to increase today; minimal rain fell on Monday.
 - **Crews:** Continuing direct attack on a small area that spilled over the fireguard; supported by bucketing helicopters.
 - **Forest Service Road:** Crews working along the Luluwissin-Pasulko Road to secure and protect the guard.
 - **Heavy Equipment:** Supporting ground crews to establish containment and stop the fire's advance.
- **Southeast Flank (Spences Bridge/Twaal Valley & Highway 1 Corridor South):**
 - **Fire Location:** Burning high on the eastern face of Arthur's Seat; direct attack not possible due to slope/stability.
 - **Water Delivery:** Crews nearing completion of a system lower on Arthur's Seat; monitoring and extinguishing fire/debris.
 - **Hot Spots:** Two isolated smouldering trees part-way down Arthur's Seat; closely monitored, bucketed by helicopters if necessary.
 - **Highway 1 Corridor:** Continuously monitored/patrolled for hot spots; aviation resources on standby.
- **North Flank (Oregon Jack Rd & Hat Creek Valley):**
 - **Aerial Scan:** Recently completed; crews making good progress extinguishing hot spots along Oregon Jack Road.
 - **Structure Protection:** Patrols ongoing in Hat Creek Valley and Oregon Jack Road until no further risk to structures.
 - **Aggressive Action:** Crews to address hot spots outside the existing containment line with support from bucketing helicopters.
- **East Flank (Venables Valley & Highway 1 Corridor North):**
 - **Hot Spot Extinguishment:** Crews using aerial scan data to locate and extinguish hot spots in Venables Valley.
 - **Mop Up:** Continuing until all objectives are met.
 - **Community Re-entry:** Underway for properties in Venables Valley (visit Thompson-Nicola Regional District webpage for more info).
 - **Highway 1 Corridor:** Isolated hot spots may generate visible smoke/flames; fire activity not a threat to existing containment.

NEXT UPDATE – WEDNESDAY, August 9, 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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