



## 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 9, 2024 – UPDATE - SHETLAND CREEK WILDFIRE – K70910**

**Current size: 27,229.84 Hectares**

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

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

- Sunny with increasing cloud, smoke, and haze; risk of thunderstorms and dry lightning.
- Southerly winds with temperatures from low 20s to mid 30s, and 15-20% relative humidity.
- Similar conditions expected tomorrow.
- Yesterday: Rank 1 to 3 fire behaviour; Rank 3 is a moderately vigorous surface fire.
- Today: Expecting Rank 3 to 5 fire behaviour in isolated southwestern areas as smoke lifts.
- Rank 5 indicates extremely vigorous surface fire with torching or passive crown fire.
- Lower fire behaviour on north and east flanks; containment not challenged.
- BCWS focusing on containing free-burning fire on the western and southwestern flanks.

#### **Resources:**

- Incident Management Team in operational command.
- 181 firefighters and support personnel including BC Wildfire Service, contract crews, equipment operators, and danger tree fallers/assessors.
- 16 helicopters with pilots and three aviation management personnel.
- 21 Structure Protection personnel, two engines, and one water tender assigned.
- 41 pieces of heavy equipment deployed.

#### **Operations:**

- Southwest Flank (Murray Creek):
  - Fire behaviour expected to pick up in Murray Creek drainages on southwest and western flanks.

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- Steep terrain challenging for containment efforts.
- Crews working along Luluwissin-Pasulko Forest Service Road using direct attack methods.
- Heavy equipment and bucketing helicopters supporting ground crews.
- Direct attack on a small area that breached the fireguard.
- **Southeast Flank (Spences Bridge/Twaal Valley & Highway 1 Corridor South):**
  - Fire continues on the eastern face of Arthur's Seat; direct attack not possible due to slope/stability.
  - Water delivery system being completed lower on Arthur's Seat; bucketing helicopters available.
  - Highway 1 corridor being monitored and patrolled for hot spots; current fire activity not a threat to containment.
- **North Flank (Oregon Jack Rd & Hat Creek Valley):**
  - Aerial scan completed; crews using results to extinguish hot spots along fire's edge.
  - Structure protection personnel patrolling until no further risk to structures.
  - BCWS unit crews establishing a control line and water delivery system on the western edge between Three Sisters Creek and Blue Earth Lake.
- **East Flank (Venables Valley & Highway 1 Corridor North):**
  - Crews using aerial scan data to locate and extinguish hot spots in Venables Valley.
  - Mop-up operations ongoing until objectives are met.
  - Community re-entry underway in Venables Valley.
  - Isolated hot spots along Highway 1 corridor may generate visible smoke/flames but are not a threat to containment.

**NEXT UPDATE – MONDAY, August 12, 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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