

For immediate release:

Fire Status Update: Bighorn Wildfire Now Classified as "Being Held"

July 29, 2024: Mountain View County – Mountain View County is pleased to provide an important update on the status of the Bighorn Wildfire. As of late evening on July 28, 2024, the wildfire, which has been a concern for our region, has officially changed its status from "Out of Control" to "Being Held" according to Alberta Wildfire.

Key Updates:

Fire Status Change: The Bighorn Wildfire, which started approximately 25kms west of Water Valley, AB on July 23, 2024, is now classified as "Being Held." This status indicates that, given the current resources and anticipated weather conditions, the wildfire is expected to remain within its pre-determined boundaries and is not anticipated to expand further.

Communications: Regular communications as provided by Mountain View County related to the wildfire will cease unless there are further changes to the fire status. Residents are encouraged to stay informed through the County's official channels for any potential updates.

Acknowledgments: Mountain View County extends its sincere gratitude to the MD of Bighorn, Alberta Forestry, and all the dedicated personnel involved in managing and suppressing the wildfire. Their expertise and commitment have been pivotal in achieving this positive development. Additionally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Water Valley Community Association for their flexibility and warm hospitality in hosting the Reception Centre during this challenging time. Their support has been truly invaluable.

What Residents Should Do:

- **Stay Informed:** Residents are advised to monitor Mountain View County's website, mobile app, and official social media channels for any future developments. For a detailed timeline of the wildfire, please visit: <https://mountainviewcounty.com/p/md-of-bighorn-wildfire-response>
- **Emergency Information:** For ongoing concerns or assistance related to the wildfire, please contact Mountain View County at emergency@mvcountry.com or call 403-335-3311.

Mountain View County remains dedicated to the safety and well-being of all its residents. We appreciate the cooperation and patience shown by our community throughout this incident.

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