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## **Mountain View County Continues to Assist in Wildfire Emergency Response**

*July 24, 2024: Mountain View County* – Mountain View County continues to actively monitor and respond to an out-of-control wildfire located approximately 20km west of Water Valley, Alberta, within the Municipal District of Bighorn. The Municipal District of Bighorn has issued an Area of Closure, as outlined in the map below, mandating immediate evacuation for all residents within the affected area.

**Update 1:** The Calgary Forestry Office has been able to establish that the size of the footprint of the active fire is approximately 73 hectares and has not experienced significant growth since the last update. The wildfire remains out of control at this time. Alberta Wildfire continues to actively fight the fire with both ground forces and air support and will continue to do so throughout the day. Mountain View County remains outside of the area of concern with no immediate risk to County residents at this time.

### **Reception Centre Established:**

In collaboration with the Municipal District of Bighorn, Mountain View County has established a Reception Centre at the Water Valley Community Hall. The centre is fully operational and staffed to assist evacuated community members. It will remain open for the following hours:

- Wednesday, July 24th, 2024: 8:00 am to 11:00 pm

The County, in collaboration with the Municipal District of Bighorn, will analyze the necessity for further Reception Centre hours for the coming days and communicate those appropriately.

### **Mutual Aid Agreement:**

Mountain View County maintains a mutual aid agreement with the Municipal District of Bighorn to ensure coordinated response efforts during emergencies. While **there is no current threat to or evacuation order for Mountain View County, its residents or businesses**, we stand ready to support our neighbours and provide assistance as needed.

### **Stay Informed:**

Residents are encouraged to stay tuned to Mountain View County's official communication channels for updates and further instructions. These channels include the County's website, social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and X – formerly known as Twitter), and the Mountain View County Mobile App, available for download on app stores under "Mountain View County."

### **Contact Information:**

For inquiries related to the wildfire emergency, residents can email [emergency@mvcountry.com](mailto:emergency@mvcountry.com) or contact:

- For evacuation assistance: 403-899-9666
- For livestock assistance: 403-493-4821

