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NMED Hosting Free Water Testing For Private Wells in Lincoln County

Ruidoso, NM -- The New Mexico Environment Department is offering free water testing for residents of Lincoln County with private wells serving homes *not* connected to a public water utility. Water testing will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso Village Council Chambers, Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Please follow the instructions below if you wish to have your water tested.

How to Collect the Water Sample:

- Use a clean glass or plastic container (at least a quart).
- Do not use containers that have a strong odor, such as citrus or pickle jars.
- Collect the sample before any water treatment systems such as reverse osmosis, water softener, or carbon filter.
- Let the water run for a couple of minutes before collecting the sample.
- Collect the sample as close to the time of testing as possible.

If available, please provide well depth, depth to water, well casing material (i.e., steel, pvc) and distance from well to the nearest septic tank/leachfield system.

Drinking water will be tested on site for the following parameters: Electrical Conductivity, Fluoride, Iron, Nitrate, pH and Sulfate.

For more information, please see the attached flyer.

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