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**Environment Department Issues Precautionary Boil Advisory for Sacramento Mountain Range in Otero and Lincoln Counties, New Mexico**

(Santa Fe, NM) New Mexico Environment Department Secretary David Martin has issued a Precautionary Boil Water Advisory for the Sacramento Mountain Range in Otero and Lincoln Counties of New Mexico. Due to extreme weather conditions, many water systems in the Sacramento Mountains water lines have frozen and ruptured. All consumers of these water systems are advised to boil water for five minutes before drinking, cooking and dishwashing or to use bottled water if at all possible until further notice.

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Environmental Health Division has also closed some restaurants that currently have no water and they are asking other restaurants in Ruidoso to close if they have no water at this time. NMED inspectors are working with restaurants and other food facilities to reopen as soon as possible.

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