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Drinking water advisories lifted for two additional drinking water systems impacted by the Hermits Peak / Calf Canyon wildfires

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY – The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau has lifted precautionary drinking water advisories for the following drinking water systems that were impacted by the Hermits Peak / Calf Canyon wildfires:

System Name	County	Population Served
Pendaries MDWCA	San Miguel	500
Pendaries RV Park	San Miguel	320

NMED issued the initial advisories on May 12, 2022 for public water systems impacted by the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fire Complex in San Miguel and Mora Counties. NMED staff conducted on-site evaluations of these water systems and continue to work with local water system personnel to monitor post-fire related impacts at these drinking water systems. Now that these advisories are lifted, customers of the systems listed above can safely drink, cook, shower, and bathe with the water from their faucets.

Several water systems remain on a precautionary drinking water advisory as a result of Hermits Peak / Calf Canyon wildfire-related impacts:

System Name	County	Population Served
El Porvenir Christian Camp	San Miguel	175
Buena Vista MDWCA	Mora	225
Agua Pura MDWCA	Mora	357

Customers of public water systems under precautionary advisory should continue using alternate sources of drinking water to ensure the protection of public health. **Residents who need assistance receiving free, safe drinking water should contact their County Emergency Manager.**

Water from systems that are still under the precautionary advisories can be used for other activities, such as washing clothes and dishes, showering, and general nondrinking uses. Use caution when bathing infants and young children. Consider giving them a sponge bath to reduce the chance of them swallowing water. People who are immunocompromised/immunosuppressed, and/or have open cuts, wounds, or sores should not use the water to bathe until notified that the water is safe.

NMED continues coordinating closely with water system officials and the New Mexico Rural Water Association to monitor and assist systems in the fire impacted areas. NMED will inform affected residents as soon as their water is determined safe for drinking.

Impacted consumers of the public water systems that remain under the precautionary advisory may direct questions about this advisory to Tanya Trujillo, Drinking Water Bureau Compliance Manager, at 505-372-8273 or Tanya.Trujillo2@state.nm.us

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