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**Environment Department Issues “Precautionary Boil Water Advisory”
for the Community Served by the Ruidoso Water System***Customers are urged to Boil Water Prior to Drinking*

(Santa Fe, N.M.) –The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau has issued a “precautionary boil water advisory” for the Ruidoso Water System.

NMED issued the precautionary advisory on July 5, 2013 following a report by the water system of problems with treatment at the Grindstone Treatment Plant. The system has decided to shut down surface water intake in the interest of public health and safety due to a rise in turbidity due to storm runoff. The Ruidoso Water System is located in Ruidoso, NM in Lincoln County. The Ruidoso Water System serves about 10,800 people. NMED is working with the Ruidoso Water System to notify water consumers of the precautionary advisory.

The Ruidoso Water System consumers are advised to adhere to the Phase 5 water conservation restrictions that are already in place. Consumers should use water sparingly and seek an alternate source of drinking water, such as bottled water or water provided by the water system at any of the three local fire stations: 514 Sudderth Drive, 1085 Mechem Drive, or 433 Main Road. Alternately, customers can boil the water for five minutes before drinking, cooking and dishwashing. This is a precautionary advisory only as no contamination has been detected in the drinking water system at this time.

The NMED Drinking Water Bureau will provide technical assistance to the water system and require the Ruidoso Water System to test the water to ensure that contaminated water is not delivered to any portion of the water system.

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