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Environment Department confirms the Precautionary Water Advisory lifted for all areas of the Ruidoso Water System

LINCOLN COUNTY – The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau confirmed Monday afternoon that the precautionary water advisory for the entire Ruidoso Water System can be lifted.

A precautionary drinking water advisory for the Ruidoso Water System was issued on June 18, 2024, as a result of impacts from the South Fork and Salt Fires. NMED’s Drinking Water Bureau has continued to work with the Village of Ruidoso to ensure the safety of the drinking water system through post fire recovery efforts. As a result of those efforts and significant work by the Ruidoso Water System, the advisory can now be fully lifted.

Although the advisory has been lifted for the Ruidoso Water System, the precautionary advisory remains in place for the following water systems impacted by the fires.

Table with 2 columns: Precautionary Advisories Still in Effect for the Following Drinking Water Systems, Population Served. Rows include Tall Pines Water Association (84), Cedar Creek (536), Alpine Village (253), and Gavilan Hills Water System (56).

NMED will continue to work with the Ruidoso Water System and surrounding systems to ensure the safety of the drinking water through continued post fire and post flooding recovery efforts.

More information about this precautionary water advisories in English and Spanish is available here. For more information on today’s announcement, please call the Drinking Water Bureau’s Compliance Supervisor Brandi Littleton at 575-323-4298.

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