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Multiple Ruidoso area systems issue boil water advisories NMED coordinates with systems to support response and restoration

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Environment Department is coordinating with multiple public water systems in the Ruidoso area following severe flooding this week.

Several drinking water systems in the Ruidoso area experienced damage or service disruptions due to flooding. In response, several systems have issued Precautionary Boil Water Advisories to protect the health of residents and visitors:

Public Water System	General Area Served	Population	Advisory Status
Cedar Creek Mutual Water Consumers Assoc.	Ruidoso	33	Precautionary boil water advisory issued for the entire system
River Ranch RV Park	Ruidoso Downs	150	Precautionary boil water advisory issued for the entire system
Ruidoso Downs Racetrack	Ruidoso Downs		Precautionary boil water advisory issued as a safety measure during system shutdown
Ruidoso Water System – Upper Canyon Area	Ruidoso		Village of Ruidoso has issued a precautionary boil water advisory for the Upper Canyon area of their system.

Residents and businesses using water from these systems should boil water for at least one minute before:

- Drinking
- Making coffee, tea and other drinks
- Making ice
- Cooking
- Washing fruits and vegetables
- Using water to feed a baby
- Brushing teeth
- Providing as drinking water for pets

The following systems reported no significant impact or service disruptions:

Public Water System	General Area Served	Population
Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation	Alto	2,870
District		
Apple Blossom and White Angel	Ruidoso Downs	33
Mesa WUA		
BPOE Elks Lodge	Ruidoso	25
Safe Haven RV Park	Ruidoso Downs	58
Seeping Springs Campground	Ruidoso Downs	75
Smokey Bear R S Lincoln USFS	Ruidoso	180
Twin Spruce Campground	Ruidoso	200
Ruidoso Downs Water System	Ruidoso Downs	2,146

NMED will continue working with water systems and local officials to assist in recovery efforts and support a safe return to normal operations. More information and resources for disaster recovery can be found on the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security's <u>website</u>.

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