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Environment Department Confirms “Boil Water Advisory” Required for Bug Scuffle Sportsman’s Ranch in Otero County

88 Users are urged to Boil Water Prior to Drinking

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau (DWB) is confirming that a “boil water advisory” is required for the Bug Scuffle Sportsman’s Ranch in Otero County.

Bug Scuffle Sportsman’s Ranch was required to issue the advisory on December 4, 2017 after the system failed to collect the required repeat samples within the required timeframes following an *E. coli*-positive routine sample from the water system’s distribution system. New Mexico Drinking Water Regulations require the Bug Scuffle Sportsman’s Ranch to notify their water system consumers of this finding as soon as practical but no later than 24 hours after the system is notified of the confirmation of the violation.

Bug Scuffle Sportsman’s Ranch is a transient non-community public water system that serves approximately 88 users. This advisory applies to the drinking water from the Bug Scuffle Sportsman’s Ranch, **and does not** extend to any other surrounding water systems.

Bug Scuffle Sportsman’s Ranch users are advised to boil the water for one minute (3 minutes if above 6,500 feet in elevation) before drinking, cooking, washing fruits and vegetables, feeding a baby, brushing teeth, preparing drinks, making ice, and providing drinking water for pets.

The presence of *E. coli* in water indicates that the water may have been in contact with sewage or animal wastes, and could contain disease-causing organisms. Most strains of *E. coli* are harmless and live in the intestines of healthy humans and animals. However, a positive test for *E. coli* in the drinking water supply may indicate the presence of dangerous strains of *E. coli* or other disease-causing organisms. These types of organisms may cause severe gastrointestinal illness and, in rare cases, death. Children, the elderly and immuno-compromised individuals are at an increased risk for illness.

The NMED Drinking Water Bureau will provide compliance oversight and offer technical assistance to the water system and will require the Bug Scuffle Sportsman’s Ranch to continue to test the water until no further threat of contamination remains.

For more facts about New Mexico's Boil Water Advisories in English and Spanish please visit: https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/boil-water-advisories/ and for more information on today's announcement please call NMED's Drinking Water Bureau Southern Area Supervisor Brandi Garcia at 575-915-1113.

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For your Facebook Feed: NM Environment Dept. confirms "boil water advisory" required for Bug Scuffle Sportsman's Ranch. Approx. 88 users urged to boil water prior to drinking. More details about boil water advisories in English and Spanish can be found on the DWB's webpage at: https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/boil-water-advisories/. Bug Scuffle Sportsman's Ranch is a transient non-community located in Otero County and serves approximately 88 users. <http://bit.ly/2ekQRR9> #NM, #NMED

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