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Drinking Water Advisory Issued in Shoshone County

KELLOGG, ID – The following drinking water advisory has been issued by the Central Shoshone County Water District.

“Central Shoshone County Water District is under a drinking water advisory until further notice following depressurization of the water system caused by a water main break. Consumers are asked to drink bottled water or boil their water to a rolling boil for at least one minute before consumption. The advisory will remain in effect until further notice.

The water service areas of Page, Smelterville, Kellogg, Wardner, Montgomery Gulch, Elizabeth Park, Big Creek, Sunny Slopes, and Osburn are affected. The Enaville service area, Pinehurst Water District, Cataldo Water District, Kingston Water District, and East Shoshone County Water District (Wallace, Mullan, and Burke) are not affected.

Updates will be available on KWAL 620 AM radio station, Shoshone News Press website, and KHQT TV news. Please share this information with others. Phone calls should be directed to the Water District office at 208-786-9141 or to the Department of Environmental Quality at 208-769-1422. Heavy call volumes should be expected.

You may want to seek medical advice if you experience symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches or if you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, are elderly, or are at increased risk.

Repair crews worked through Wednesday night and into Thursday. As of Thursday morning, bypass repairs were 75% complete. Repairs are expected to be completed by early Thursday evening.

Disinfection, flushing and testing are expected to be completed through Monday. Consumers will be notified when water is safe to drink.”

Any licensed food establishments and child care facilities without running water are required to close until further notice. Once adequate water sources have been restored, food establishment managers will be responsible for conducting ongoing assessments to ensure compliance with food safety requirements. Additional information on operating a food establishment during a boil water advisory can be found here.
For further questions and consultation, child care providers and food establishment managers can call Panhandle Health District’s Kellogg office at (208) 783-0707.

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