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## PRESS RELEASE

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EMPIRE, Colo. -

An increase in the water flow of Madd Creek assisted in providing some much needed water, but the Town's Water Treatment System continues to not be able to produce enough water to meet system demands. The increase is suspected to be a combination of recent work on the system, increase in recent heavy moisture content snow, and warm weather increasing melting runoff.

Water contractors and town public works continued leak detection today. Albeit, good and bad news. Good news no leaks were detected whereas we would like to detect any leaks in the system. The process of leak detection will continue.

The Town has issued a "boil water order". All residents and businesses currently receiving water through the town water treatment system must boil the water prior to consumption. A "boil water order" is attached to this updated press release.

Water is still available for residents to fill containers at the tanker. The tanker is parked at Theobald Park, 52 E. Park Ave. (HWY 40). The Town has limited 5-gallon buckets available but requests residents with other containers bring them to assist in equitable water availability being dispersed to all neighbors. Additional bottles of drinking water and gallon jugs are available to assist in conserving water drawn from the treatment system. We have received greatly appreciated donations of water from Safeway and Kroger / City Market. These water donations are available to be picked up at Town Hall or delivered by staff/volunteers to those unable to come to Town Hall.

This water emergency only affects the residents and businesses inside the Town of Empire. Water is available at Theobald Park and Town Hall daily from 8 AM - 5 PM, continuing as needed. Please do not call 911 unless you have an emergency. Non-emergent questions / comments, please contact Chief John Stein via cell # 303-257-1422 or Town Hall at 303-569-2978.

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