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PRESS RELEASE

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EMPIRE, Colo. -

The Town's Water Treatment System is supplying water to approximately eighty-five percent (85 %) of the town. Town staff and supporting crews from our water contractor Ramey Environmental Compliance, Denver Water, Colorado Rural Water Association, and other volunteers from CoWARN have made substantial gain in providing water to residents and isolating potential leaks. While the leak detection continues, one leak has been located and confirmed on private property today. Additional water lines are being scrutinized for leak detection. Some residents may have water intermittently shut-off for pressure testing of water lines.

The previously shuttered well has been upgraded with a new filtration system. Today the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) tested and approved the water being produced. The well is now producing additional water to the water treatment plant which is increasing water pressure to the town. The additional pressure is valuable in assisting with leak detection and refilling the Town's water storage tanks.

Residents are reminded that water quality tests have not detected any bacteria. Due to a loss of pressure, a boil order remains in effect. The town will continue to have a boil order in effect for a short time after all water system returns to normal. With the water pressure increasing, boil order, and supplemented drinking water, businesses in town are beginning to re-open.

The town will continue to make available a water tanker for residents to fill containers. The tanker is parked at Theobald Park, 52 E. Park Ave. (HWY 40). The Town has 5-gallon Deep Rock water containers available in addition to previously provided water containers. Additional bottles of drinking water and gallon jugs are available to assist for water consumption during the boil order. The Town will continue to deliver water to residents and businesses during the boil order. Additional water is available at Theobald Park daily 8 AM – 10 AM and 4 PM - 6 PM.

Please do not call 911 unless you have an emergency. Non-emergent questions, comments, requests, please contact Chief John Stein via cell # 303-257-1422 or Town Hall at 303-569-2978.

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