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The Environment Department's mission is to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations.

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Drinking water advisories lifted for several additional drinking water systems in Mora, San Miguel, and Lincoln Counties

MORA, SAN MIGUEL, & LINCOLN COUNTIES – The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau lifted precautionary drinking water advisories for the following drinking water systems that were impacted by the McBride and Hermits Peak / Calf Canyon wildfires:

Table with 3 columns: System Name, County, Population Served. Rows include Camp Blue Haven, Cleveland MDWCA, Agua Negra MDWCA, and Canyon Hideaway & Escape.

NMED issued the initial advisories on April 15, 2022 for public water systems impacted by the McBride Fire in Lincoln County and on May 12, 2022 for public water systems impacted by the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fire Complex in San Miguel and Mora Counties.

Several water systems remain on a precautionary drinking water advisory as a result of fire related impacts:

Table with 3 columns: System Name, County, Population Served. Rows include Pendaries MDWCA, Pendaries RV Resort, El Porvenir Christian Camp, Buena Vista MDWCA, Agua Pura MDWCA, La Vida Buena, and R&R RV Park.

Customers of these public water systems should continue using alternate sources of drinking water to ensure the protection of public health. Residents who need assistance receiving free, safe drinking water should contact their County Emergency Manager.

Water from systems that are still under the precautionary advisories can be used for other activities, such as washing clothes and dishes, showering, and general nondrinking uses. Use caution when bathing infants and young children. Consider giving them a sponge bath to reduce the chance of them swallowing water. People who are immunocompromised/immunosuppressed, and/or have open cuts, wounds, or sores should not use the water to bathe until notified that the water is safe.

NMED continues coordinating closely with water system officials and the New Mexico Rural Water Association to monitor and assist systems in the fire impacted areas. NMED will inform affected residents as soon as their water is determined safe for drinking.

Impacted consumers of the public water systems that remain under the precautionary advisory may direct questions about this advisory or the status of their water system's assessment to Wayne Jeffs, Drinking Water Bureau Northern Area Supervisor, at 505-469-7457 or [wayne.jeffs@state.nm.us](mailto:wayne.jeffs@state.nm.us).

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