WHISPERING PINES WATER COMPANY

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN PUBLIC NOTICE

Consumer of Whispering Pines Water Company Drinking Water.

This Notice is being sent to you to inform you of Whispering Pines Water Company Drinking Water Source Protection goals and ask you to help keep our Community's water supply safe: free from contamination. There is no cause for alarm. We simply know you are one of our most important allies in furthering our source protection goals.

As you may know, Whispering Pines Water Company operates two artesian wells located near the mouth of Cedar Creek Canyon. The wells have been drilled in what is called the North Horn Formation consisting of clay, sand, gravel, and boulders. The wells have essentially the same source of recharge and are part of the same well field. Part of the precipitation falling on the mountains upstream from the wells infiltrates into the subsurface to form the principal groundwater recharge for the wells. The formation stores large quantities of water. The water infiltrates the aquifer slowly, and the aquifer is very slow in yielding water to the wells.

The Water Company has prepared a Drinking Water Source Protection Plan. In the plan, protection zones are delineated around each well. Potential contamination sources within the protection zones have been identified. Generally speaking, potential contamination sources include household hazardous waste and sewage from cabins and campgrounds. Complete copies of the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan are available to the public upon request for a reasonable cost.

The aquifer surrounding the wells is classified as protected. This means there is a geological seal) a layer of clay) which acts as a natural barrier to prevent surface contaminants from migrating down into the groundwater. Some potential contaminants, such as sewage, are uncontrolled. Others such as household hazardous wastes, and stored fuel can be controlled through proper use and disposal practices. Most potential contaminants can be controlled if leakage and careless use are avoided.

Based on artesian conditions and the clay layers above the wells, we believe our wells have a very low susceptibility to contaminants.

Our wells have been constructed according to the stringent requirements of the Stake Drinking Water Regulations. The Water Company regularly tests water samples to ensure a water supply is free from contamination. Further, we are sending public education notices to owners of potential contamination sources in our protection zones. We ask for your help in protecting our drinking water sources and making sure that Whispering Pines continues to have a safe, adequate supply of water for generations to come.

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