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CERTIFIED MAIL **RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

William T. Bass, Forest Supervisor USDA Forest Service, Bighorn National Forest 2013 Eastside 2nd Street Sheridan, WY 82801

> **RE:** Emergency Administrative Order issued under Section 1431 SDWA to Bighorn National Forest, **Burgess Junction Visitor Center** Docket No. SDWA-08-2009-0080 PWS ID #WY5680232

Dear Mr. Bass:

On August 18, 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) under section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 40 U.S.C. § 300i, to USDA Forest Service as owner and operator of the Bighorn National Forest Burgess Junction Visitor Center public water system (the system). This letter confirms the verbal notice provided to Mr. Steve Quintana by Mario Mérida of EPA on August 25, 2009, regarding reduced monitoring and rescission of the public notification and boil order requirements under the Order.

Additionally this letter serves as written notice that effective August 25, 2009, pursuant to the Order, daily bacteriological monitoring in the distribution system is no longer required and may be reduced to weekly monitoring (one sample per week). This notice is based on bacteriological monitoring conducted on August 18, August 19 and August 20 which were analyzed as total coliform and E. coli-negative. Weekly bacteriological monitoring shall be conducted until you are notified by EPA that sampling may be reduced to monthly.

You may discontinue the public notice required by the Order at this time. The system is required to comply with all other provisions of the Order. Penalties for failing to comply are set forth in the Order.

We appreciate your ongoing cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mario Mérida at (303) 312-6297. Your attorneys may call Legal Enforcement Attorney Peggy Livingston at the above 800 number, extension 6858, or at (303) 312-6858.

Sincerely,

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cc: WY DOH & DEQ (via email) Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk Steve Quintana, Civil Engineer, Bighorn NF, Supervisor's Office (via fax)