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Philip Wong, Civil Engineer USDA Forest Service Bridger-Teton National Forest BTNF- Hoback Campground Philip.wong@usda.gov

Subj: Administrative Order issued to USDA Forest Service Bridger-Teton National Forest/regarding BTNF-Hoback Campground Public Water System, PWS ID #WY5680139, Docket No. SDWA-08-2024-0006

Dear Mr. Wong:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the authority of section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g). Among other things, the Order alleges that the USDA Forest Service Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF), as owner and/or operator of the BTNF Hoback Campground Public Water System (System), has violated the EPA's drinking water regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Part 141). The EPA is issuing this Order because our previous compliance assurance efforts have not been effective in returning the System to compliance with Part 141.

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 business days provide the EPA with any pertinent information you believe the EPA may not have (e.g., any monitoring that may have been done but not submitted, any updates to the number of service connections and/or individuals served). If the EPA does not hear from you, the EPA will assume this information is correct. If BTNF Hoback Campground complies with the Order, the EPA may close the Order without further action. Failure to comply with the Order may trigger immediate action by the EPA, including a complaint seeking administrative penalties.

Please be aware that you are required to submit to the EPA a plan and schedule for bringing the System into compliance with Part 141. The EPA's approval of the System's schedule does not substitute for any other approval that may be required by any other governmental entity for modifying the System. The EPA encourages the System to contact any such governmental agency or agencies regarding any applicable approval requirements.

If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Jessica Moore via email at moore.jessica@epa.gov, or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6441, or (303) 312-6441. Any questions from the System's attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at bearley.mia@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Colleen Rathbone, Manager Water Enforcement Branch Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Enclosures

cc: WY DEQ/DOH (via email)
Teton County Commissioners
EPA Regional Hearing Clerk
Mary Moore, District Ranger
James Brough, WY DEQ District Engineer