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<u>SENT VIA EMAIL</u> <u>DIGITAL READ RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Brooke Bowman, Assistant Forest Engineer USDA Forest Service Uinta, Wasatch National Forest 857 West South Jordan Parkway South Jordan, UT 84095 Brooke.bowman@usda.gov

December 9, 2021

Received by EPA Region VIII Hearing Clerk

Re: Administrative Order issued to Uinta, Wasatch National Forest, Meeks Cabin Campground Public Water System, PWS ID #WY5680270, Docket No. SDWA-08-2022-0002

Dear Ms. Bowman,

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 USDA Forest Service (USDA), as owner and/or operator of the Meeks Cabin 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 the USDA believes 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 the USDA, the EPA will assume this information is correct. If the USDA 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.

The EPA acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic may be impacting your business. If the Meeks Cabin Campground has specific COVID-19 issues that would affect the timeframes listed herein, please contact Nathan Hicks via email at hicks.nathaniel@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6054, or (303) 312-6546 within 7 business days of receiving this Order. The EPA may, in its discretion, consider granting an extension.

If you have any questions or to discuss this Order with the EPA, please contact Nathan Hicks at the email and phone number provided above. Any questions from a USDA 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, Chief Water Enforcement Branch Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Enclosures

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