

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## BOIL WATER ADVISORY

### Navajo Lake State Park Cottonwood Water System Does Not Meet Treatment Requirements

***Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.***

Our water system is out of compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. As consumers of water in the park, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

Our water system is required to demonstrate complete inactivation of harmful pathogens. Our system is currently unable to meet these requirements due to aging infrastructure. This is a significant deficiency that does not meet the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and indicates a potential elevated threat to public health.

#### What should I do?

- **BOIL WATER FOR AT LEAST 3 MINUTES BEFORE USING, OR SEEK AN ALTERNATE SOURCE.**
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

#### What does this mean?

***Although no contamination has currently been detected in our Water System,*** we may not be meeting disinfection requirements. This means microbes such as bacteria and viruses may not be inactivated. *\*Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.\**

**What is being done?** We are working with contractors to evaluate our system and make repairs. A new water treatment system has been designed and construction will begin this fall. Our newly contracted Operator of Record will revise monitoring and recordkeeping procedures and train park staff in operations and procedures. Testing equipment will be repaired and calibrated and new equipment has been ordered. Meanwhile, routine bacterial testing in August and September has shown compliance with safe drinking water standards. We expect the precautionary advisory to remain in effect until the new treatment plant is constructed.

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