

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**IN RE: USFS – Wheeler Gorge Campground
6755 Hollister Avenue, Suite 150
Goleta, CA 93117**

**TO: Peggy Hernandez
Forest Supervisor**

SYSTEM NO.: 5601716

CITATION NO.: 04-06-14C-001

CITATION

Section 116650 of Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code (H&S Code), authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued thereunder.

VIOLATION

The Drinking Water Field Operations Branch of the Department of Public Health, (hereinafter Department) hereby issues a citation to the USFS – Wheeler Gorge Campground (hereinafter USFS-WGC), for the following violation:

1. Section 64424, Title 22, CCR. Specifically, in January 2014, the USFS-WGC failed the TCR MCL Rule, with four positive Total coliform results (see table, below).

Date	Site	Results
01/06/2014	Host 1A	Positive Total; Absent E. Coli
01/08/2014	Host 1A	Positive Total; Absent E. Coli
01/08/2014	Campsite 67	Positive Total; Absent E. Coli
01/08/2014	Campsite 47	Positive Total; Absent E. Coli
01/08/2014	Tank	Absent Total
01/09/2014	Host 1A	Absent Total
01/09/2014	Campsite 67	Absent Total
01/09/2014	Campsite 38	Absent Total
01/09/2014	Tank	Absent Total

BACKGROUND

The USFS-WGC serves up to four full time occupants and up to 500 campers on weekends during the summer. The USFS-WGC water supply is obtained from a spring source that gravity flows to two tanks that provide 31,000 gallons of storage. The water in the distribution system is not used for drinking purposes, only hand washing and toilet flushing. The occupants are drinking bottled water. The service connections to the general public have been locked, and signs have been posted that the public is expected to supply their own water.

DIRECTIVES

The USFS-WGC is hereby directed to take the following actions:

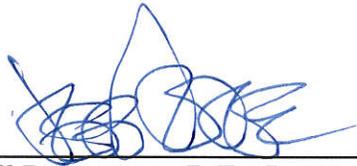
1. Immediately, follow proper TCR routine and repeat sampling/reporting procedures in accordance with Article 3, Title 22, CCR Sections 64423 and 64424.
2. Within 15 days of receipt of this violation, notify the public of the TCR MCL failure by direct delivery and posting in conspicuous public places served by the water system.

- The USFS-WGC is required to provide continuous chlorine disinfection treatment to its spring water supply at all times. A chlorine residual of 0.5 to 1.0 mg/L should be maintained at all times.

Please submit a copy of the notice, proof of notification (attached), to:

Jeff Densmore, P.E., District Engineer
Southern California Section
Santa Barbara District
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch
1180 Eugenia Place, Suite 200
Carpinteria, CA 93013-2000

1/15/14
Date


Jeff Densmore, P.E., District Engineer
Southern California Section
Santa Barbara District (CDPH-DWFOB)

cc: Ventura County Environmental Health
Mr. Adam Furlow, Assistant Forest Engineer
Mr. Charlie Robinson, Ojai District Ranger
Ms. JoAnn Burckman, System Operator



BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY PROCEDURAL FAILURE

This notification of the public is being done in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

The USFS-WGC failed the Total Coliform Rule for bacteriological monitoring of its drinking water during January 2014, as specified in Section 64423 of the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations. The bacteriological quality of domestic water is routinely determined by testing for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are indicators of potential contamination and may originate from human, animal, or soil sources. If the coliform standards are met, the water served can be considered as being bacteriologically safe. If they are not met, drinking the water may not necessarily result in illness, but that possibility exists. Routine sampling is important to periodically check water quality.

Consumers wishing more information should contact:

_____ at _____

PROOF OF NOTIFICATION

Name of Water System: _____

Please explain what caused the problem if you have determined what it was and what steps you have taken to correct it.

Consumers Notified _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

If not, Explain: _____

Date of Notification: _____

On the date of notification set forth above, I served the above referenced document(s) on the consumers by:

_____ sending a copy through the U.S. Mail, first class, postage prepaid, addressed to each of the resident(s) at the place where the property is situated, pursuant to the California Civil Code.

_____ Newspaper (if the problem has been corrected).

_____ personally hand-delivering a copy to each of the consumers.

_____ posted on a public bulletin board, that will be seen by each of the consumers (for small water non community water systems with permission from the Department).

I hereby declare the foregoing to be true and correct under penalty of perjury.

Dated: _____

Signature of Person Serving Notice

Drinking Water Notification to Consumers

****Notice:** Complete this Proof of Notification and return it along with a copy of the notification to the Department within **30 Days** of receiving your notification order.

Disclosure: Be advised that the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.