

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **Reporting requirements not met**

### **SPANISH PEAKS MOUNTAIN CLUB**

### **PWS MT 0004588, C**

Our water system violated 2 drinking water reporting standards over the past year. Even though this is not an emergency as our customers you have the right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

The Spanish Peaks Mountain Club filters the drinking water to remove excess iron. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires any public water system that does filtration to disinfect the water with chlorine after that process for precautionary reasons. Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps and associated headaches.

A daily sample of the chlorine level is required and must maintain a minimum level of .2 ppm (parts per million). The results of the daily testing must be reported to the DEQ by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. The Big Sky Water and Sewer District is operating the water system for the Spanish Peaks Mountain club. In the month of March 2014 the daily testing was done and the results were fine. However the report was not received at Montana DEQ before the tenth of the next month initiating a "violation". The report was received and no further action is required other than this notice too you.

The second "violation" occurred this month March 2015 and was again a clerical mistake. The chlorine levels reported to DEQ were inaccurate due to a misplaced decimal point on the hand written report. The results entered was .11 ppm which is <.2 ppm required minimal level instead of the correct reading which was 1.1 ppm. Again there's is nothing you need to do. In both cases the testing was done the results are fine but since the clerical errors were done this public notice to you is required.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.

For more information or questions please contact Jim Muscat at the Big Sky Water & Sewer District 363, PO Box 160670 Big Sky, MT