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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: STREAMS/WELLS IMPACTED BY FIRE MAY BE UNSAFE TO DRINK

As a follow up to the press release of September 12, 2017, Trinity County Environmental Health wants to remind everyone the following statement of concern about water use in the areas of Canyon Creek and Trinity River that potentially could be affected by fire or downstream from the fire:

POTENTIAL GROUND AND SURFACE WATER CONTAMINATION

Observation to Canyon Creek shows that water quality has been effected by the fires. While it is easy to correlate this contamination to “just” ash and burn debris, historically these contaminants are likely to include heavy metals which are harmful to public health. Out of an abundance of caution, we are warning people who use seep wells or other shallow forms of surface water diversion, **to not drink from that water source at this time due to the uncertainty of the contents in the water. Boiling water DOES NOT resolve the issue with contaminants.**

Trinity County Environmental Health has collected and sent water samples for analysis, but national weather events prior to the fire back east have made it very difficult to get expedient results. We are anticipating results forthcoming in the next couple of weeks, but for now, Environmental Health cannot make a time commitment at this moment.

Anyone that is drinking water from a well that could be shallow or that has sustained fire damaged should contact the Environmental Health Director, Kristy Anderson at 530-623-1459, as it may be unsafe to drink.

AVAILABLE WATER

Water is available at the Weaverville Community Services District, 716 Main St. between 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Mon-Fri. However, we encourage using bottled water for drinking and this water be used for sanitation purposes only.

Following are California Certified Potable Water Haulers located within Trinity County:

- Jefferson State Potable Water Hauling at (530) 623-8686

WCSD is looking into possible assistance from Cal Rural Water; which will require a list of people/systems. Therefore we encourage everyone with public water systems (damaged or not) to contact Wes Scribner at Weaverville CSD 530-623-5051 or wcsd@weavervillecsd.com.