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

Trinity County Environmental Health wants to share the following statement of concern about water use in the areas impacted by or downstream from the August Complex Fire.

POTENTIAL GROUND AND SURFACE WATER CONTAMINATION

Trinity County Environmental Health has identified possible Cyanobacteria in Berry Creek, a tributary to Mad River and Ruth Lake. Drinking water may be impacted downstream. 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 will collect and send water samples for analysis.

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

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