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Mount Werner Water District Announces Plans For 43 Fire Hydrants

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. (May 2, 2006) – The Mount Werner Water & Sanitation District today announced that it will soon begin the installation of 43 fire hydrants as part of a two-year program designed to improve the water system and strengthen fire-fighting abilities in the area. Of the 43 hydrants, as many as 23 could be installed this summer. District customers in high-growth areas could see construction activity as soon as late May and lasting throughout the construction season.

Also included in the two-year program are three new water mains -- two in the Longthong Road neighborhood and a third in the Timothy Drive neighborhood. Plans also call for construction of a 250,000-gallon, underground water storage tank east of Ridge Road that will work in tandem with the 150,000-gallon Thunderhead Tank to improve water supply in the Ridge Road and Burgess Creek neighborhoods.

“We are committed to meeting the needs of our customers by improving water supply in these neighborhoods and enhancing fire protection,” said Jay Gallagher, manager of the Mount Werner Water District.

Installation of the fire hydrants should take about five days each. The District has scheduled construction work 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, to minimize the impact on residents. Before construction can begin, work crews will have to remove any obstructions such as fences, bushes and landscaping rocks that may lie in utility easements or in the city right-of-way. In such circumstances, the District will work with residents to mitigate the impact of construction.

Using direct mail, billing inserts, newsletters and door-to-door visits, the District has already begun contacting residents most likely to be affected by the construction activity. The District will also hold community meetings at locations most convenient for the affected residents. Anyone with questions about the construction can call the District at 970-879-2424.

About Mount Werner Water & Sanitation District

The Mount Werner Water & Sanitation District collects, treats and distributes water for the mountain resort area and, under agreement with the City of Steamboat Springs, provides water to the City Water District for distribution to its customers. Under agreement with the City, the District also provides the infrastructure for the collection of wastewater from the resort area which is routed to the City's Interceptor line that leads to the City's wastewater treatment plant west of town. The Mount Werner Water District, formed in 1965, is a Special District pursuant to State Statute and is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado. An elected five-member board of directors governs the District.

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