



# Mount Werner Water District

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## **Mount Werner Water District Construction Season Begins**

*Projects Include New Hydrants, Water Mains, Storage Tank, Sewer Extensions*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. (April 30, 2007) –The Mount Werner Water & Sanitation District will soon launch a summer construction program designed to improve service to its customers. The District has committed \$3 million to install 23 new fire hydrants, two new water mains, two sewer extensions, a new storage tank, and a pump station this summer.

The 23 fire hydrants will be in addition to the 20 hydrants installed in 2006 to strengthen fire-fighting capabilities within the District. Based on the District's budgeted installation time of five days for each hydrant, this project will begin within the next two weeks and continue through the construction season.

In mid-May, the District will begin construction on two new water mains in the Longthong Road neighborhood. Excavation and installation for each water main will take approximately 10 days followed by cleanup and restoration work. Last summer, District representatives met with affected property owners. In a few days, the District will mail fliers to neighborhood residents to provide details of the timing and scope of the project.

The District will install two sewer main extensions to serve developing properties along Ski Trail Lane. One extension will run from upper Poma Lane to Ski Trail Lane, and the other extension will run up to Ski Trail Lane from the existing terminal manhole

below Fox Trail Townhomes. The sewer main extensions should be complete by the end of May. The District has already contacted property owners and nearby residents.

As announced last summer, the District will begin construction of a 250,000-gallon, in-ground water storage tank east of Ridge Road that will work in tandem with the 150,000-gallon Thunderhead Tank to bolster the water supply in the Ridge Road and Burgess Creek neighborhoods. The start of construction is pending receipt of a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service. To improve the distribution of water in the neighborhood, the District will also construct a new pump station in September along Burgess Creek Road below the intersection with Ridge Road.

“Last year’s construction program went smoothly, and many customers are already benefiting from our efforts,” said Jay Gallagher, manager of the Mount Werner Water District. “This year’s projects will significantly improve water supply in these neighborhoods and enhance fire protection.”

Gallagher advised that, prior to upcoming construction, 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.

Anyone with questions about the construction is welcome to call the District at 970-879-2424.

#### About Mount Werner Water & Sanitation District

The Mount Werner Water & Sanitation District treats and distributes water for the mountain resort area of Steamboat Springs and, under agreement with the City of Steamboat Springs, provides water to the City Water District for distribution to its customers. The District also provides the infrastructure for the collection of wastewater within the District that is treated at the City’s wastewater treatment plant west of Steamboat Springs. The Mount Werner Water District, formed in 1965, is a Special District pursuant to Colorado 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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