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RE: Notice of Non-Compliance Regarding the Wallowa Lake Tramway Public Water System

Mr. Whittemore,

Our records indicate that Wallowa Lake Tramway, Inc. owns and operates the Wallowa Lake Tramway water system located at 59919 Wallowa Lake Hwy, Joseph, Oregon. Therefore, Wallowa Lake Tramway, Inc. is a water supplier as defined in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 448.115(12) and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0020(211), and has specific responsibilities as defined in OAR 333-061-0025.

The Wallowa Lake Tramway water system is a transient non-community public water system identified by public water system ID OR41-94597, serves approximately 200 people, and is subject to regulation according to ORS 448.115 to 448.290 and OAR 333-061-0005 to 333-061-0272.

The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, Center for Health Protection, Drinking Water Services (DWS) has reviewed the operation of the Wallow Lake Tramway water system. This review has found that Wallowa Lake Tramway, Inc. is not in compliance with the following Oregon Administrative Rules, and is, therefore, not meeting its responsibilities as a water supplier as prescribed by the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act (ORS 448.115 to ORS 448.290) and rules.

## **DESCRIPTION OF RULE VIOLATIONS**

• Violation No. 1: OAR 333-061-0036(2)(d) requires water suppliers to conduct sampling for nitrate annually at all public water systems. DWS notified you by letter dated October 2, 2015 that nitrate results had not been reported for the most recent monitoring period, January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. DWS has not received

these results as of this notification, which constitutes a violation of the rule if samples were, in fact, not collected.

## ACTIONS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE

Due to the rule violations identified above, Wallowa Lake Tramway, Inc. is required to complete the following actions relating to the Wallowa Lake Tramway water system:

• Compliance Action No. 1: Wallowa Lake Tramway, Inc. must collect water samples for nitrate testing at the Wallowa Lake Tramway water system, and report the results to DWS as prescribed by OAR 333-061-0036(2)(d) no later than September 30, 2016.

If Wallowa Lake Tramway, Inc. does not comply with the deadlines specified in this letter, the continued non-compliance may result in additional enforcement action including the assessment of civil penalties as prescribed by OAR 333-061-0090. Please contact Bill Goss at the Drinking Water Services Pendleton office at (541) 276-8006 to discuss the compliance actions specified in this letter.

Respectfully,

Janet Brock

**Compliance Specialist** 

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cc: Bill Goss, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services