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USFS Wolf Creek

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Background:

In February 1997, a Cross Connection Annual Summary Report for each of the community water systems of the Umpqua National Forest will be sent to you with this cover letter. The intent of this cover letter is to serve as the "enabling authority", as required for the Cross Connection Program.

As a Federal Agency, we do not issue "ordinances". The "Authority" to manage the Forest is delegated from Congress to the Forest Supervisor and the District Rangers. The following information is submitted to clarify the policy of the Forest.

Scope:

This letter applies to all Community Water Systems of the Umpqua National Forest, which includes:

Wolf Creek Civilian Conservation Center, PWS No. 4101095

Tiller Ranger Station, PWS No. 4101092

Toketee Ranger Station, PWS No. 4101094

Policy:

It is the policy of the Umpqua National Forest to comply with all provisions of the Cross Connection Control program as defined by Oregon Administrative Rules, chapter 333, section 61.

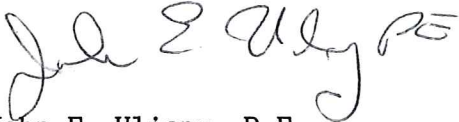
The Umpqua National Forest recognizes that as the "owner" of our water systems, we have a responsibility to provide water that is safe under all foreseeable circumstances. In that regard, it is our intention to inspect our systems, and to either control or prevent cross connections where they are found. With regard to the requirement to "...discontinue water service to premises for failure to install an approved backflow assembly...", it is our opinion that this does not apply at the three community water systems since we are both the "owners" and "users" of the system.

A process is currently being developed on the Forest to ensure that:

1. Water systems are inspected for cross connections;
2. Cross Connections are controlled or prevented; and
3. Devices will be tested and reported to the OHD annually.

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please feel free to call the designated Cross Connection contact person, John E. Ulicny, P.E. He can be reached by calling (541) 957-3424.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Ulicny P.E." with a stylized flourish at the end.

John E. Ulicny, P.E.
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Enclosure

cc
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