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Hailey Water Main Break in South Woodside Boil Water Advisory Issued

(Hailey, Idaho) – A water main broke this afternoon around 2:45 p.m. on Woodside Boulevard near Snowbank Drive. A boil water advisory has been issued.

Hailey's water system is sectioned into pressure zones. The water main break occurred in the pressure zone which includes all of Woodside Subdivision south of Winterhaven Drive. A significant drop in water pressure occurred with the break, putting that part of Hailey water system at risk for contaminants to enter the system through backflow, backpressure or back-siphonage. The City of Hailey, in conjunction with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is advising residents of South Woodside to take precautions with drinking water over the next 48 to 72 hours until the City's water test results are known.

The City is in the process of repairing the water main break. Water service has been restored to some but not all of the affected area. Water service will likely be restored within a few hours. The City will take several water test samples and deliver them to the lab for testing. At least two clean tests from samples taken 24 hours apart must be received by the City before the boil-water advisory is lifted. Please consult your local news sources or Hailey's webpage for details over the next several days.

A boil water advisory alerts consumers that a portion of the drinking water system has been exposed and may be harmful to drink. Consumers should use bottled water or boiled water for drinking and household use until further notice. Boiling water for 1 minutes will remove any risk of drinking the water. The flat taste of boiled water can be improved by pouring it back and forth from one container to another (aeration), by allowing it to stand for a few hours, or by adding a small pinch of salt for each quart of water boiled.

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