

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
The Deer Springs Ranch Lower Cabins Water System has a
Ground Water Rule Treatment Technique Violation with the
State of Utah Division of Drinking Water

UTAH13056 Deer Springs Ranch Lower Cabins Water System has violated Utah Division of Drinking Water standards. You have a right to know what happened, what the DSROA board and DSROA water committee did, and what is being done to correct this situation.

What happened?

In July of 2022, as a result of multiple drinking water samples testing positive for Coliform during the previous 12-month period, a Level 2 Assessment by the Utah Division of Drinking Water was performed of the Deer Springs Ranch Lower Cabins Water System. Four deficiencies were identified. The results of the Level 2 Assessment were provided to the Deer Springs Ranch Owners Association president, board, and the water committee.

A Public Water System is required to correct significant deficiencies within 120 days (if found on a Sanitary Survey) and 30 days (if found on an Assessment) after being notified of a deficiency. Significant deficiencies can be defects in design, operation, or maintenance, or a failure or defects in design, operation, or maintenance, or a failure or malfunction of the sources, treatment, storage, or distribution system that the Director determines to be causing, or have potential for causing, the introduction of contamination into the water delivered to consumers.

An application for a Corrective Action Plan (a 12-month extension) to resolve the deficiencies was applied for and granted to DSROA by the Utah Division of Drinking Water. The four deficiencies were to be corrected by August 1, 2023.

In September of 2022, as a result of the Level 2 Assessment in July, the Director of the Southwest Public Health Department performed a Sanitary Survey of the Deer Springs Ranch Lower Cabins Water System. The results of the Sanitary Survey were provided to the Deer Springs Ranch Owners Association president, board, and the water committee.

Three of the deficiencies were corrected and proof of those corrections was reported to the Utah Division of Drinking Water prior to 08/01/2023. The fourth deficiency identified a significant problem in the Deer Springs Ranch Lower Cabins Water System. A Public Water System must provide, as a minimum, 20 psi to each service connection on its distribution system. Water pressure in the lower cabins water system is created by water flowing from the elevation of the 40,000-gallon tank to the elevation of the lower cabins and ranch headquarters. There is not enough change in elevation for this to happen with the four lots, located near the 40,000-gallon tank. A lot owner had attached a home booster pump to the lower cabin water system to provide his lot with water pressure. A home booster pump in a Public Water System is illegal.

The following individuals were apprised of the water pressure issue: Terry Smith RWAU, Paul Wright DDW, Michael Newberry DDW, and Gary Rager DDW. Each was asked for guidance on how to resolve the deficiency. The DSROA water committee proposed and discussed multiple solutions.

The Corrective Action Plan expired on 08/01/2023.

What is being done?

The DSROA water committee proposed an idea to resolve the deficiency of the DSROA Lower Cabins Water System to provide 20-psi to the four lots near the 40,000-gallon water tank located at the North end of the airstrip. The proposed solution was presented to Paul Wright DDW. The DDW is currently reviewing the proposed solution.

What should the consumer do?

- There is nothing you need to do currently. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know the status of your public water system, and what we are doing to correct this situation.
- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

For more information, please contact DSROA board member Bart Batista at bartbatista@gmail.com or DSROA ranch manager Kurt Jacobson at propertymanager@deerspringsranch.org.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Deer Springs Ranch Lower Cabins Water System ID#: UTAH13056. Date distributed 09/07/2023.

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

I, Jeffrey C. Michelsen, certify that the attached public notice was issued from the UTAH13056 Deer Springs Ranch Lower Cabins Water System to the members of the Deer Springs Ranch Owners Association (DSROA). The notice attached was issued on 09/07/23 for the significant deficiency(ies) found on 06/28/22. This notification was delivered to our consumers by: a post on the Facebook Deer Springs Ranch Members Only page, sent to the DSROA board to post on the www.deerspringsranch.org website, hardcopies were posted in each cabin and on the DSROA bulletin board at ranch headquarters.
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Signature

Jeffrey C. Michelsen

Date 09/07/23