

## WATER SYSTEM LEAK ON JANUARY 19, 2016

On Monday Jan. 18 I read the meter flowing to town at 2 gpm. This is normal for this time of year. Tuesday morning I got a call from Dennis Jamison saying that there was a leak in our system daylighting on Pine street. We agreed to get it fixed on Thursday because that was as soon as we could get equipment into town. Tuesday night I went up to the tank and read that same meter and it was reading 50 gpm. this showed us that we were losing that much water. the tank was staying at 12' (15' is full). We were in the middle of a storm that day and the spring was running between 45 gpm and 50 gpm that is why the tank wasn't empty. By Wednesday morning the tank was at 8' and we had to shut the leak down. There are 5 homes on our main before it goes into a loop around town and the leak was on that section. This means that if we turn that section off it will turn off the whole town. We put in a bypass so that most of the town was on and only 5 homes were turned off. We gave every house bottled water to get them *through the night*.

Thursday morning we dug up that section of Pine street thinking that our main had a major leak. What we discovered was that it was a 2" line that was leaking. this line was PVC sced 40 that is not to be buried plus it had about 5 joints on it in a 12' section. One of the joints came apart. This was a service line that went to one of our homeowners. We replaced the valve off of the main and replaced the PVC with 2" poly sced 200.

By about 9:30 we had all but one homeowner back on line. We think that the recent earthquakes might of triggered this leak.

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## WHY THE BOIL WATER ORDER FOR FLORISTON

I was asked to explain to the town why we are on a boil water order. I'll do the best that I can so that you the homeowner can make your own decision on whether to boil or not to boil. I do know that a lot of people in town don't.

When we get storms through the canyon our spring flow rises, with this rise in spring flow we get turbidity which is the amount of dirt in the water. The possibility of EColi and other contaminants may be carried in with the higher turbidity. Think about all the storms we have had this winter, so far it makes one think that boiling might not be too far off the mark. So far we have not had anyone get sick from our water(knock on wood).

If you have small children or elderly in your home I would recommend that you boil your *drinking water*. I do chlorinate our system and that does eliminate most of the contaminates but every surge changes the amount of chlorine in the system. Until we get this fixed it is a nightmare to keep the chlorine consistent.

If anyone in town has any questions or would like to talk about where the town is on fixing the plant my Email is [smittysooz96111@gmail.com](mailto:smittysooz96111@gmail.com) and my phone is 5872376.

Thanks,  
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