

WYOMING WATER ASSESSMENT AND PROTECTION PROGRAM (SWAP)



SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT PROGRAM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Medicine Bow NF Ryan Park CG

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PWS Source Water Assessment Summary

The Ryan Park Campground maintains a transient non-community groundwater system that supplies water to a population of 40. Source water for this facility is obtained from one well that is completed in glacial deposits and pumped into a 90 gallon pressure tank. Three hydrants provide water for campers.

In general, the Campground's water source rated high for land use because most of the surrounding land is forested. The overall point source and line source susceptibility is low due to the lack of contaminant sources.

Delineation Methods

Because the Ryan Park Campground is classified as a transient non-community groundwater system and obtains water from a porous media aquifer, Lidstone delineated the source water area for this system using calculated fixed radius (CFR) methods. This method was used to estimate the two and five year time of travel radii for the groundwater system based on data obtained from the Wyoming SEO, the PWS sanitary survey, and the SWAP guidance document.

The CFR is an appropriate method to use when groundwater flow to the well, spring or tunnel can be characterized as porous. This process was implemented for small communities that derive water from deeper, confined aquifers, or for non-community water systems. A factor of safety of 1.5 was applied to all systems where portions of the data were suspect. At the ground surface, the radius can be used to delineate an area around the well to be used for wellhead protection. The radius is the distance from the well to a point where groundwater (and contaminant) can reach the well over a specified time period. Input data requirements are limited, consisting of the pumping rate, open area (screened interval) of the well, porosity of the aquifer, and the selected time of travel (2 years and 5 years).

Groundwater Sources

The Ryan Park Campground obtains its source water from one well that is completed in Quaternary Glacial Deposits to a depth of 60 feet. Recharge to the Glacial Deposits occurs through the direct infiltration of precipitation. Groundwater reaches the well through porous media flow. Additional information on this well is included on the attached Well Information Sheet.

As shown on the enclosed source water area map, the contaminant inventory zones for this well are centered around the wellhead. Zone 2 extends approximately 502 feet radially from the wellhead, while Zone 3 extends approximately 794 feet.

Integrity Summary

The Bighorn National Forest Ryan Park Campground uses one well to supply water to the system. The well, Ryan Park Campground, was constructed before 1983, when more stringent construction standards were not required by the State of Wyoming. However, records show that the well was properly sealed to protect against surface infiltration of potential contaminants, but lacks an annular seal. As shown on the Integrity Summary Table, the well received a score of 5, which is a direct reflection of the well completion date, its accessibility and no presence of an annular seal.

Water Source Sensitivity Summary

The Ryan Park Campground uses one shallow unconfined well. As shown on the Source Sensitivity Summary Table, the well received a sensitivity score of 8.

This well received an intermediate sensitivity score for two reasons. First, the unconfined aquifer is known to be vulnerable to contamination in this area. The second reason is that laboratory analysis of water samples from the Campground within the last five years detected a few contaminants that are listed on EPA's primary and secondary drinking water standards. These include total coliform and nitrate. Despite detection, these contaminants were detected at concentrations below the EPA's maximum contaminant levels.

Water System Susceptibility Rating

Susceptibility is defined as the potential for a public water supply to draw water contaminated at concentrations that would pose a threat or concern to human health. In general, the Campground's water source rated high for land use because most of the surrounding land is forested. The overall point source and line source susceptibility is low due to the lack of contaminant sources. Susceptibility ratings for each type of potential contaminant source are summarized on the attached susceptibility tables.

A review of your PWS's routine water analysis results revealed that one or more chemicals that are considered contaminants in drinking water were detected at some time within the last five years. Chemical detections have a large impact on your PWS's sensitivity score because it may indicate that there is a pathway for contaminants to reach the water supply. However, it is likely that these chemicals are present only in small amounts and are not a danger to your health. Some of these chemicals may also occur naturally in water.

For more information about which chemicals were detected, please contact the PWS for a copy of the most recent Consumer Confidence Report or water analysis results. Chemical detections at levels that are a concern to human health are reported on the EPA's website: http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/sdwis/sdwis_query.html. To see if your PWS has exceeded the federal primary or secondary drinking water standards, just click on the State of Wyoming and then type in the name of your PWS. Consumer Confidence Reports are prepared by the PWS on a yearly basis. The reports should include information about any chemicals found in the water, even those found at very low levels. Please contact Kim Parker at DEQ, 307-777-7781, or WARWS for assistance. You may also contact EPA to find out what contaminants were

detected. You may have to fill out a Freedom of Information Act request to obtain the water test results for your PWS. Please call EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**POINT SUSCEPTIBILITY SUMMARY TABLE
FOR Medicine Bow NF Ryan Park CG
Point Source Susceptibility Summary**

It may appear from the results of this point source susceptibility summary table that your system has too many PSOCs influencing the final ratings. In some cases, a specific PSOC falls within a specific contaminant inventory zone shared by multiple wells or intakes. When this is the case, that PSOC will be scored for each intake. For example, an underground storage tank may appear within a contaminant inventory zone shared by four different wells. This would cause that single storage tank to be entered into the table four times, or once for each well or intake.

Point Source Type	Low	Medium	High
None Identified	N/A	N/A	N/A

- * Illustrates the number of PSOCs in a particular rating class for all water sources
- * N/A - Not Applicable