

**SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
FOR  
Shoshone NF Newton Cr. #12**

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**PWS Source Water Assessment Summary**

The Newton Creek Campground water system is classified as a non-community groundwater supply. The facility provides potable water to a transient population through one well and one service connection. The well is chlorinated in the spring prior to the opening of the campground. The water source scored medium with respect to the combined integrity and sensitivity ratings. The Campground scored high for land use susceptibility and transportation corridor susceptibility, and low for point source contaminant susceptibility.

**Delineation Methods**

This water system is a non-community supply that draws water from porous alluvium. Calculated fixed radius (CFR) methods were implemented to estimate the 2-year and 5-year time of travel radii for the groundwater flow system. The CFR was calculated using well information in the sanitary survey and aquifer parameters used in the calculation were assumed from those of similar type deposits.

Calculated fixed radius (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 (FS) 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 (screened interval) of the well, porosity of the aquifer, and the selected time of travel (2 years and 5 years).

**Groundwater Sources**

Shoshone National Forest Newton Creek #12 draws water from the alluvium along the Shoshone River valley. Recharge to the alluvial aquifer comes from the Shoshone River, and reaches the well through porous media flow. Groundwater flow within the alluvium is generally from northwest to southeast. Additional information on this well is included on the attached Well Information Sheet. As shown on the enclosed source water area delineation map, contaminant inventory zones 2 and 3 were delineated using CFR methods. Zone 2 had a calculated radius of 709 feet. Zone 3 had a calculated radius of 1,122 feet.

## **Integrity Summary**

Shoshone National Forest Newton Creek #12 uses one shallow well, approximately 35 feet deep, to supply water to the system. The well was constructed prior to 1983 when less stringent construction standards were required by the State of Wyoming. However, records show that the well was properly sealed to protect from surface infiltration of potential contaminants and flooding around the wellhead. As shown on the Integrity Summary Table, Newton Creek #12 received a score of 4 which is a reflection of its well completion date and the wellhead being unprotected.

## **Water Source Sensitivity Summary**

As shown on the Source Sensitivity Summary Table, the well received a sensitivity score of 10. The well received the maximum sensitivity score for two reasons. The first reason is that the well is shallow and completed in an unconfined alluvial aquifer. The second reason is that there are documented chemical detections in the groundwater.

## **Water System Susceptibility Rating**

Susceptibility is defined as the potential for a public water supply to draw contaminated water at concentrations that would pose a threat or concern to human health. In general, the Shoshone National Forest Newton Creek #12 scores high for land use susceptibility because much of the land surrounding the water sources is forested. Forested areas were included to evaluate the potential risks of increased runoff and water quality problems following forest fires. The overall point source contaminant susceptibility rating is low due to the lack of contamination sources present within the delineated zones. The well was assigned a high susceptibility rating for Zone 2 state highway types of transportation corridor contaminants and were assigned a low susceptibility for Zone 3 state highway types of transportation corridor contaminants. 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](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 Shoshone NF Newton Cr. #12  
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