

## High Lostine Owners' Association (HLOA) 2024 Water System Liaison's Report

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**Water sampling:** The water system liaison assists the water committee by being responsible for collecting, shipping, and tracking quarterly water samples; notifying the water committee when a sample is out of compliance; posting "Do Not Use Water" notices or "Boil Water Order" notices as directed by the water committee; and submitting this annual report to the membership.

Sampling and results. Our water system is checked quarterly for coliform bacteria at one location per quarter.

Water is also checked annually for nitrate.

**Assays for coliforms and E. coli:** The HLOA uses Table Rock/Umpqua Analytical Laboratory in Pendleton. The water sample expenses and transportation costs are paid by HLOA members' water fees.

### **Water System Test Results for 2023/2024.**

- Third Quarter (2023): Routine coliforms absent
- Fourth Quarter (2023): Routine coliforms absent, Nitrate, non-detectable
- First Quarter (2024) Routine coliforms absent
- Second Quarter (2024) Routine coliforms positive, E. coli negative. Repeat sample results: coliforms absent, Wellhead sample: coliforms absent

**Special Samples:** In addition to routine samples, special samples are collected and analyzed when certain types of repairs are performed on the system or if the reservoir runs dry. These typically cannot be counted as routine samples.

### **Additional relevant issues:**

- **Water system classifications:** Based on state criteria of water use for 6 or more months per year, the HLOA currently (April 2023-March 31, 2024), there are 10 connections serving 22 people. **Note:** When we exceed 14 full-time connections or those connections exceed 24 people served, the state will reclassify our water system – this will impose additional sampling and management regulations and we will experience much higher costs.
- **Meter readings:** Owners' water meters are read for the purpose of billing each year on or about April 1. The owners of each lot (regardless of whether they are connected to the system or not) pay an annual fee to fund the water utility, and owner's also pay a fee per thousand gallons of water used. The water committee chair should be contacted if an owner believes their water use suggests they have a leak on their private line.
- **Water system liaison and Water Committee:** Continued thanks are due to the HLOA water system committee (George Oja, Matt Walker, and Rick Welch) and its chair, Fred Brockman, who keep us supplied with safe drinking water.