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Cheyenne's Water Quality and the Keystone Fire

Cheyenne, WY- The Keystone Fire started on Monday, July 3, 2017 approximately 1.5 miles southwest of the City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities' (Board) Rob Roy Reservoir or 7 miles west of Albany, Wyoming in the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests. The location of the Keystone Fire broke out in a critical water collection and storage area of the City of Cheyenne. As of Monday, July 10, 2017, the Keystone Fire is 2,187 acres.

Currently, the City of Cheyenne's drinking water quality has not been affected by the fire. The Board's water quality experts continuously monitor incoming raw water, 24 hours a day, every day, to prevent potential contaminants from entering the drinking water treatment system. The Board's water treatment operators are highly trained professionals that have the equipment to deal with changes in water quality and in assuring the safety of Cheyenne's water supply. The City of Cheyenne's water quality continues to be safe.

In the Spring of 2017, with assistance from Governor's Task Force on Forests, the Board completed a wildfire hazard assessment which identified both wildfire and post-fire hazards. With this resource and other tools, the Board will continue to collaborate with the US Forest Service and the Wyoming State Forestry to respond to the fires and protect water quality for Cheyenne.

For updates on the Keystone Fire please go to <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5309/> or call 307-314-2191. A Keystone Fire community meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Albany County Fairgrounds, 3150 S. 3rd St., Laramie, Wyoming.

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