

Worden/Ballantine Yellowstone County Water & Sewer District

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Attention: WBYC Water & Sewer Customers

Subject: Public Comment Response

From: The WBYC Board of Directors:

The WBYC informed the public of our intention to provide a new and safe drinking water source by drilling a series of vertical water wells in the Towns of Worden and Ballantine. That information was subject to public comments and inquiries concerning the proposed project. We did receive a few public comments concerning the possible effect of our proposed wells upon the existing righted wells nearby.

After consultation with our engineering firm we agreed to address those concerns by placing transducers in the existing wells upon which the comments were based as well as others in the area of concern. Those transducers will actively measure the water levels in those wells during our pump testing to determine what, if any, effect our new wells have upon those existing wells. Landowners will have to grant us permission to install and monitor those transducers in order for those measurements to be taken.

By taking these steps we feel that we can determine the effect of our wells upon the surrounding area wells in an accurate and measurable way and, if necessary, take whatever steps are required of us to address or alleviate any concerns that might arise.

This information is on our website and will be mailed out to our customers as well.

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