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Press Release

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HEADLINE: Water Testing for Private Water Systems Damaged by Wildfire

LEWISTON, IDAHO - Public Health-Idaho North Central District (PH-INCD) and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Microbiology Laboratory have teamed up to offer free water testing for those properties where private water systems sustained damage caused by the wildfires in Clearwater, Lewis and Idaho counties and are concerned about their drinking water being contaminated. Once water system repairs have been completed, the samples can be collected. With an appointment, PH-INCD will offer to come out to properties affected by the fires, and collect samples for coliform bacteria, and nitrates/nitrites/total phosphorus from private water systems that have sustained damage from the fires.

Concerned property owners may contact Jacob Davis, Environmental Health Specialist for Public Health – Idaho North Central District at 208-476-7850, or Ed Marugg, Environmental Health Director at 208-799-0356 to set up an appointment to collect samples, or if they have questions.