

## **Camp Facilities Committee Report to Presbytery**

May 10, 2011

We are nearing the end of a long and arduous process of getting the new well at Westminster Spires in operation. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) confirmed that we must have some form of full-time water disinfection as long as the ground water level is less than 25 feet below the surface, even if the tested water did not show any signs of contamination. The remaining items to be done are new drawings for a pellet chlorination system, construction of the system and burying the distribution pipe, and final inspection and “as-built” drawings. The committee has decided to go ahead with Sanderson-Stewart producing both sets of drawings. Chuck Beck will do or provide oversight for the construction and piping. In my conversations with Mac Fogelsong at Sanderson-Stewart, the total of three sets of drawings, the DEQ and Forest Service review fees, approval of the finished system by the engineering firm, and unbilled time already spent should be \$2640 or less. Chuck Beck estimates that the well pump construction will be around \$7000. The current balance in the Camp Facilities budget before these expenses is \$16,531. We *should* have no more problems getting the pump in operation by the first camp reservation in late June, if not by Revamp the Camp in early June.

The Forest Service did not cut down trees that were infected by the Spruce Beetle on the property this past winter, but they plan to mark some of the trees this summer and remove them next winter. We will also be removing some of the dead trees this summer, perhaps at Revamp the Camp on June 9-12.

Next on tap is retrofitting some of the beds to make them more comfortable for adults, building a storage shed, and converting the storage room in the “boys” dorm into a bathroom.

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