Saxman water Report September 2024

The water plant has been very busy, and we were able to get our water service line inventory done for all our water connections in Saxman, with the help of Sara Ramey, (ANTHC) and some members of the community we were able to get done ahead of our 10/15/24 deadline to receive our incentive from the State of Alaska. Which is also a verification that we do not have any lead pipes in our system through the process of elimination, and we can be happy for that. It was also good practice for us to learn through hands on experience and we got to meet a lot of our customers personally and learn our water system at every connection.

On another note, while Sara Ramey (ANTHC), was here she also helped us identify a problem with our media (4 layers in the water filters) it was clumping together causing us to have (breakthrough) in our filters whenever we turned on our polymer. So, we ordered new media and most of it is here at the water plant, but we are still waiting on the Garnet shipment from Washington. Once we have all the filter media, we will begin the process of changing it, Richard is building a platform to make it easier and safer for us when it comes time to remove old media. The ADEC and ANTHC both agree that once we change our media we will notice a tremendous difference in the ability of our filters because this is the root of our problem.

We also got a lot of trimming done along the roads trimming back overhanging trees and branches, and the ditches got dug out and hauled up to dump site on top of Dog salmon Rd. We have a bunch of alder for the community as well.

We still have one water line to dig up and repair on STS highway that belongs to Ron Towne, it is located rite in front of Marty Perez's property. I contacted Marty and got his number so we can contact him when we need his truck and trailer moved for the repair.

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