

# CHAPTER V

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**APPENDIX A**

**GROUNDWATER REPORT**

# **HYDROLOGIC INVESTIGATION FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE LAKESIDE LODGE RESORT AND MARINA**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Lakeside lodge is located on the southwestern shore of Fremont Lake, approximately 2.5 air miles northeast of Pinedale, Wyoming. Lakeside Lodge currently consists of a marina, restaurant, a 20-unit campground, 9 cabins, and a bathhouse. The existing leach field for the six new cabins is located approximately 600 feet south of the lakeshore and southwest of the cabins. This leach field is along side Forest Service Road 749, on the south side of a low ridge that separates the highway from the lake. The existing leach fields for the restaurant, the campground sites, and the bathhouse are located near those facilities, however if the proposed expansion is approved, all leach fields will be located adjacent to Forest Road 749 and approximately 650 feet south of the lakeshore.

Fremont Lake is the drinking water source for the City of Pinedale. Pinedale has an exemption from the EPA to use the lake water without filtration, but a chlorinating facility is present at the intake point. A groundwater study had been requested to determine where the leachate from the leach field at Lakeside Lodge will migrate to and to insure that it does not impact the water quality of Fremont Lake.

## **GEOLOGY / GEOGRAPHY**

Fremont Lake is the largest of many hundreds of lakes that are found on the flanks of the Wind River Range. Fremont Lake is a large, very clear, and deep lake. The maximum depth is 608 feet, and it ranks as the seventh deepest lake in the conterminous United States. The total drainage area supplying Fremont Lake is approximately 94 square miles. Fremont Lake has a surface area of 7.9 square miles. Pine Creek, located at the northeast end of Fremont Lake, is the only influent stream other than a few minor rivulets.

Fremont Lake lies in a valley of the Wind River Range that was scoured by glacial ice into rocks consisting of granites, gneisses, and pegmatite dikes. Two major glacial advances, the Bull Lake and the Pinedale, shaped the topography in the vicinity of the lake. The downstream end of the valley was plugged by a series of terminal moraines ranging in age from about 60,000 to 9,000 years ago. Pine Creek is the outlet stream for Fremont Lake and is located in glacial till at the southwestern corner of the lake.

## **SCOPE OF PROJECT**

A list of all water wells located between Pinedale and the south shore of Fremont Lake was obtained from the Wyoming State Engineers Office. No surface elevation data was

available for the well locations, so fieldwork was required to obtain the data, in order that the static water depth could be calculated. A total of 42 wells were selected for the project. Only wells with a depth greater than 100 feet were used. Drill logs, when available, were reviewed for each well to try and determine the depth to bedrock. Numerous other shallow water wells not registered with the state engineers office exist within the study area, but were not used in preparing this report. A summation of the data, including well location, depth, static water level, and elevation is presented in Table I.

## RESULTS

The selected water wells were plotted on the Fremont Lake South USGS topographic map. The map has been enlarged to a 1:1000 scale. Much of the land immediately south of Fremont Lake is owned by the federal government and has not been developed, thus no water well data is available. Good quality data is available from the numerous wells located on private land southwest of the lake.

The static water elevation at several points on the south shore of Fremont Lake including the Lakeside Lodge area is 7,350'. The lowest static water elevation was found in the extreme northwestern corner within the town of Pinedale. That point had an elevation of 7,145'. The high and low points are 11,000 feet apart, thus the hydrologic gradient between the two points would be 1 vertical foot for every 54 feet laterally. The hydrologic gradient is illustrated by the blue line in Cross Section A-A', Figure III. Well data points were contoured on 50-foot intervals. The resulting contour map, Figure II, showed the hydrologic gradient dipping or flowing to the southwest away from Fremont Lake and basically following the course of Pine Creek. Several small anomalies or hydrostatic highs (well points) are shown on the contour map. These high points are located near Pine Creek and probably result from the influence of a shallow aquifer under Pine Creek.

Depth to bedrock in the study area is a little uncertain. Drillers logs were reviewed for many of the deeper wells, but lithologic descriptions of the rock were for the most part vague and non descript. Most of the wells logs referred to glacial till as sand and gravel and the underlying bedrock, which is most likely Wasatch Formation, as gray shale. On this basis, the depth to bedrock was approximated in as many wells as possible, and plotted on the hydrologic gradient cross section as the brown line. No data exists for the depth to bedrock under Fremont Lake. The geomorphology of the bedrock under the study area would probably have been low rolling hills, dipping gently to the west, before being covered by glacial till.

## CONCLUSIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Hydrologic analysis of water wells located southwest of Fremont Lake shows that the hydrologic gradient is 1:54 in a southwesterly direction away from the lake. Other

factors, including the hydrologic pressure exerted by Fremont Lake and impervious clay bedrock (Wasatch Formation?) beneath the glacial till would prevent the leachate from flowing north into Fremont Lake and degrading the quality of the lake water. The monitoring wells proposed by Wester-Wetstein in a memo dated May 8, 2002 is an excellent idea, however, it is recommended that the distance of each monitoring well from the leach field be increased to 300 feet and to a depth to be determined by when the clay layer beneath the glacial till is reached.

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FIGURE 1 - WATER WELL DATA SUMMARY

PERMIT NUMBER	WELL NAME	LOCATION	QUARTER/QUARTER	ELEVATION	WELL DEPTH	STATIC H2O DEPTH	STATIC H2O DEPTH	STATIC H2O ELEVATION
P114469W	Spring Lake No. 1	T34N,R109W,SEC 22	SE/SW	7390	195'	25'		7365
P112108W	Clayta No. 1	"	SE/SE	7410	205'	100'		7310
P114470W	Spring Lake No. 2	"	SE/SE	7415	155'	40'		7375
P085485W	Carollo No. 1	T34N,R109W,SEC 23	SE/NW	7425	320'	75'		7350
P129008W	Lynn No. 1	T34N,R109W,SEC 24	SW/NE	7520	320'	152'		7368
P094607W	Wallace No. 1	"	NW/SE	7530	340'	165'		7365
P027786W	Varley No. 1	T34N,R109W,SEC 26	NE/NE	7470	205'			7308
P061999W	Benson No. 1	"	NE/NE	7470	408'	162'		7340
P010296P	Reach No. 1	"	SW/SW	7400	120'	60'		7340
P027323P	Low No. 1	"	SW/SW	7425	174'	60'		7365
P010140W	Tatman No. 1	T34N,R109W,SEC 27	NE/NE	7410	155'	30'		7380
P024395W	Straley No. 1	"	NE/NE	7410	200'	106'		7304
P088492W	McCullough No. 1	"	NE/NE	7410	220'	140'		7270
P089483W	Hagerman No. 1	"	NE/NE	7390	220'	120'		7270
P098339W	Senshale No. 1	"	NE/NE	7445	201'	54'		7391
P094328W	UMW-14	"	SW/NE	7290	28'	24'		7266
P030492W	Wise No. 1	"	SE/NW	7370	68'	28'		7342
P005696P	Bernice No. 1	"	NW/SE	7350	141'	100'		7250
P125477W	Goodrich No. 1	"	SW/SE	7365	160'	92'		7273
P135742W	Rosencrans No. 1	"	SW/SE	7350	265'	100'		7250
P027437W	Parry No. 1	"	SE/SE	7375	200'	143'		7232
P028227W	Petrie No. 1	"	SE/SE	7375	180'	80'		7295
P068833W	Spence No. 1	"	SE/SE	7375	180'	102'		7273
P113871W	Whitaker No. 1	T34N,R109W,SEC 33	NW/NE	7210	120'	14'		7196
P133734W	Crandall No. 1	"	NW/NE	7275	325'	84'		7191
P038571W	Wilson No. 1	"	NE/NE	7270	252'	97'		7173
P074094W	Bentley No. 1	"	NE/NE	7280	175'	85'		7195
P082332W	Latta No. 1	"	NE/NE	7240	260'	95'		7145
P091795W	Blagg No. 7	T34N,R109W,SEC 34	NW/NE	7360	200'	110'		7250
P099177W	McGuire No. 1	"	NW/NE	7355	240'	125'		7230
P116987W	Swanson No. 1	"	NW/NE	7320	265'	92'		7228
P087461W	J.D.A. No. 1	"	SW/NE	7320	160'	55'		7265
P105014W	Belveal No. 1	"	SW/NE	7320	165'	75'		7245
P050289W	Our Place No. 1	"	SE/NE	7310	204'	60'		7250
P056481W	Wyatt No. 1	"	SE/NE	7320	178'	75'		7245

PERMIT NUMBER	WELL NAME	LOCATION	QUARTER/QUARTER	ELEVATION	WELL DEPTH	STATIC H2O DEPTH	STATIC H2O ELEVATION
P0742444	Mahoney No. 5	"	SE/NE	7310	165'	60'	7250
P063182W	Oakley No. 1	"	SW/NW	7320	227'	89'	7231
P080594W	Walker No. 1	"	SW/NW	7310	275'	100'	7210
P085781W	Rozier No. 1	"	SW/NW	7310	232'	112'	7198
P030386W	Gallatin No. 1	"	SE/NW	7325	206'	185'	7140
P042801W	Toth No. 1	"	SE/NW	7320	230'	110'	7210
P067726W	Bell No. 1	"	SE/NW	7325	205'	96'	7229

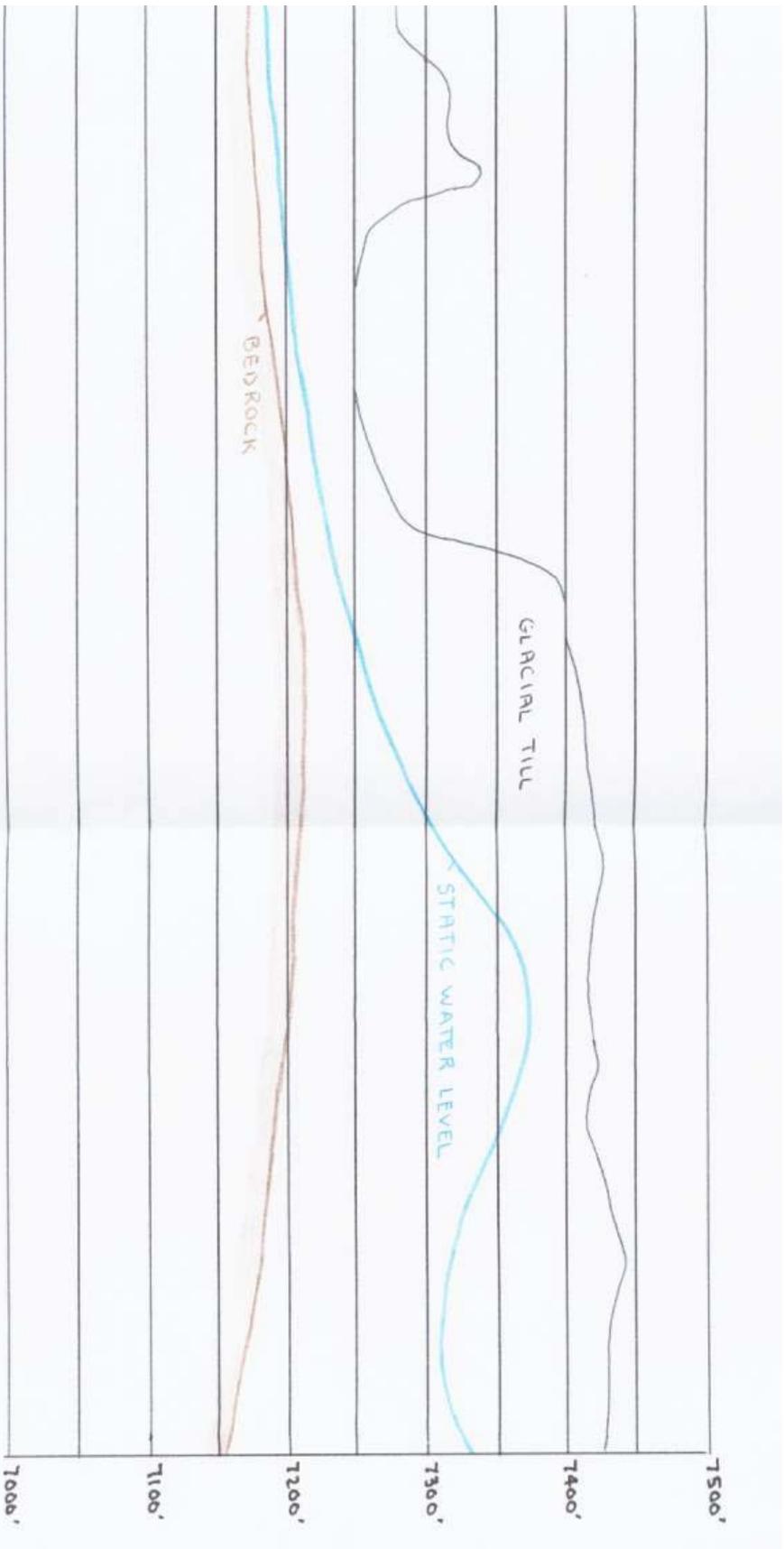


FIGURE III. WEST TO EAST CROSS SECTION OF HYDROLOGIC GRADIENT BETWEEN PINEDALE AND FREMONT LAKE, WYOMING.  
Horizontal and Vertical scale - 1"=1,000'

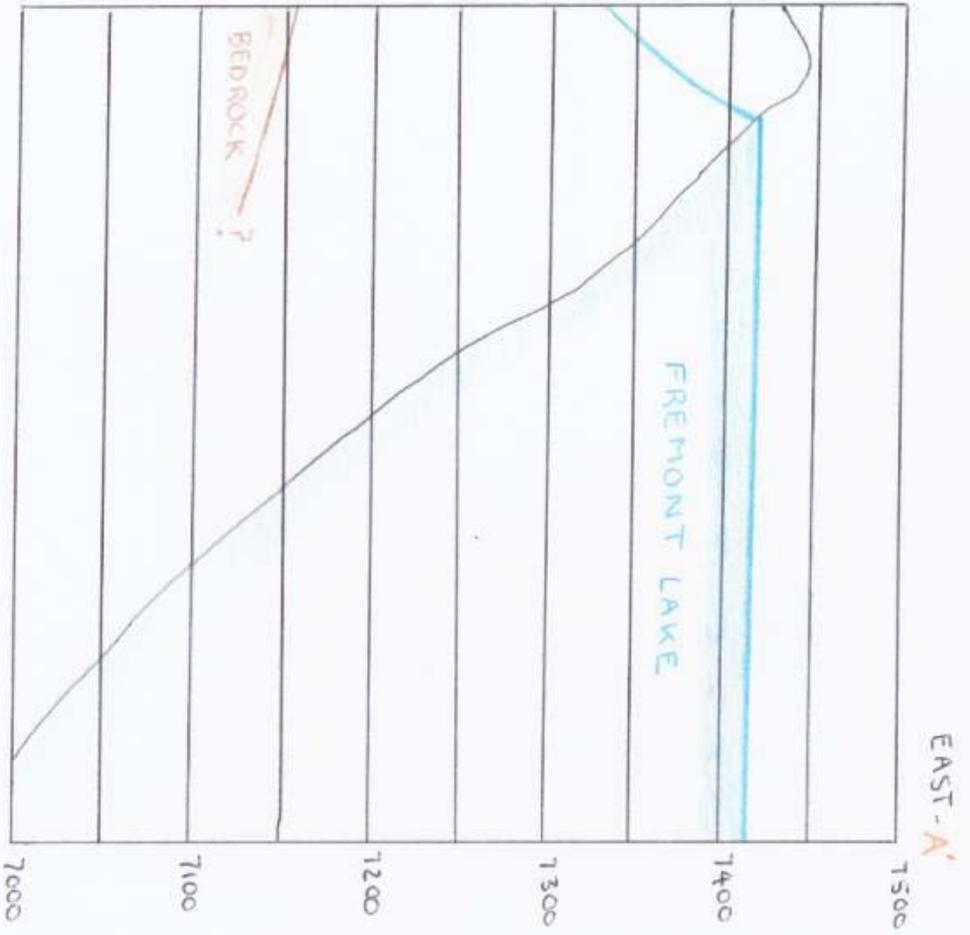
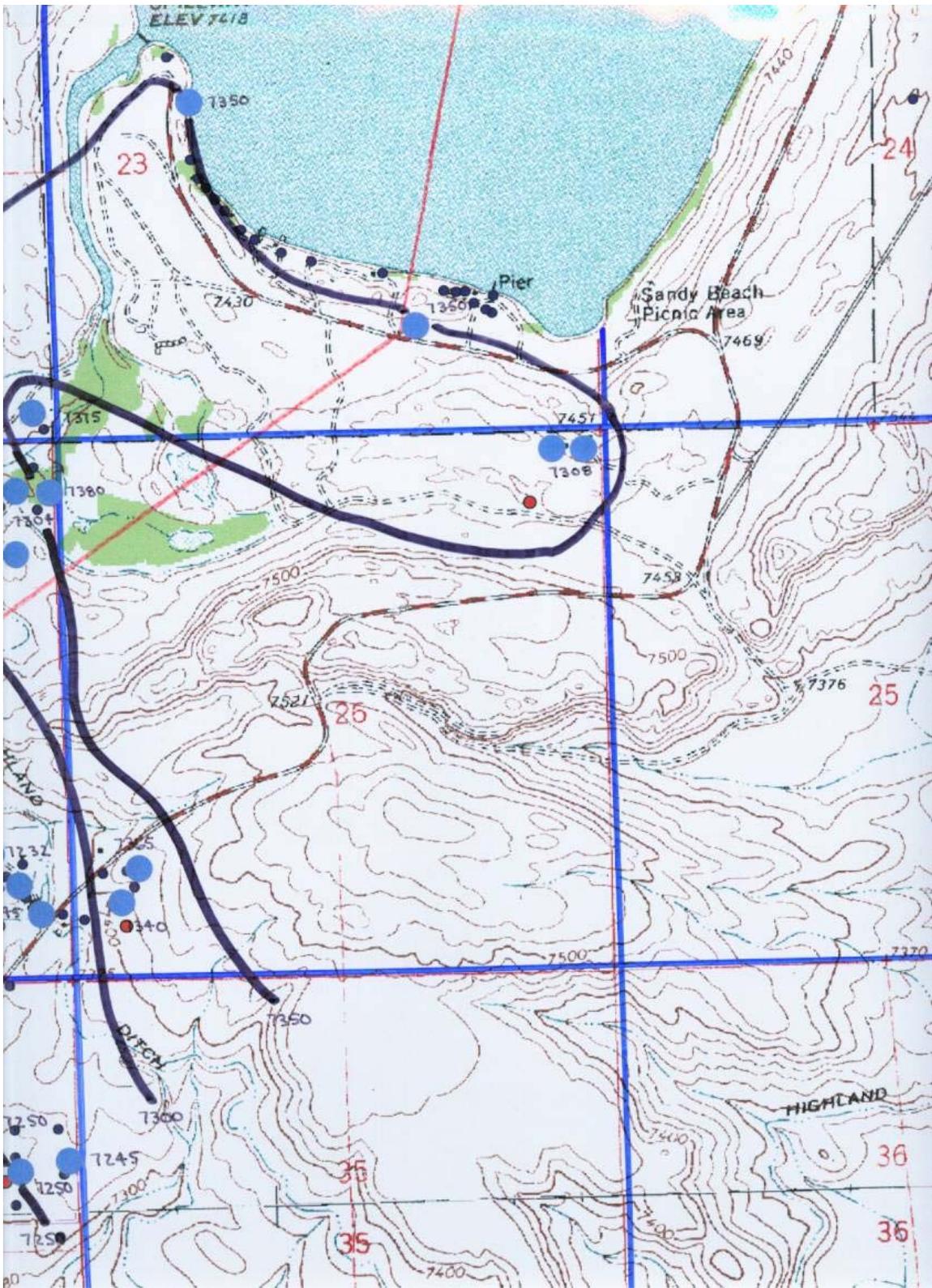


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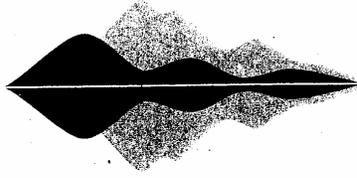


## **APPENDIX B**

# **WATER SAMPLE LOCATION MAP**

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**PETS POLICY**



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### To our guests at Lakeside Lodge

Fremont Lake is the Town of Pinedale's source of drinking water. The lake is considered to be one of the cleanest lakes in the country and because of the natural purity of the water the Town does not filter the drinking water. The Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and the Town of Pinedale have an agreement to protect the watershed area surrounding the lake.

The EPA considers animals, especially dogs to be potentially dangerous to maintaining the purity of the lake. The EPA has suggested the following list of rules for dogs at the south shore of Fremont Lake

### PLEASE

1. All dogs must be on a leash within 200 feet of the shore.
2. No dogs are allowed to swim at the south shore.
3. All dog waste within 200 feet of the shore must be picked up and disposed of properly.

Lakeside Lodge considers it an honor and a privilege to be able to provide services for our guests. We appreciate your participation and cooperation in helping us manage our watershed and protect the purity of the water at Fremont Lake.

Thank you for choosing Lakeside Lodge for your stay in the Pinedale area and we look forward to your return visit.

## **APPENDIX D**

# **MULE DEER MIGRATION ROUTES**