

**Lady Creek Water System
Environmental Policy
March 15, 2021**

This policy was updated and approved by the Lady Creek Water System (“LCWS”) Board of Directors on March 15, 2021, to clarify policies concerning the environment and stewardship of the National Forest in which LCWS operates.

LCWS headworks and distribution system, as well as its member’s cabins, are located within the Mount Hood National Forest, under the governance of the U. S. Forest Service. As such, the activities of LCWS are governed by numerous regulations. It shall be the policy of LCWS to protect the environment and to demonstrate good stewardship of public lands and natural resources in all aspects of operations. Specifically:

1. No Water Master, contractor or other party performing any services of any kind for LCWS will leave litter or any other debris in the national forest. Whenever work is performed on any portion of the LCWS, any unused materials, decommissioned materials, broken materials, equipment, supplies and trash or garbage will be removed and properly disposed of at a facility licensed for such disposal. Contractors should familiarize themselves with Forest Service rules and regulations governing work done in the forest especially in the areas of prior approval and permitting. Contracts with such contractors will attempt to specify these policies.
 - a. Exception for buried pipe: Buried pipe and system components that are determined not to be harmful to the environment may be left buried and in place when they are replaced, if consistent with Forest Service policies under the circumstances.
2. No Water Master, contractor or other party performing any services of any kind for LCWS will improperly dispose of any chemicals or hazardous materials. Such items will be disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws. No such materials will be left in the forest. Contracts with such contractors will attempt to specify these policies although contractors must maintain independent knowledge of applicable laws and regulations.
3. Maintenance or construction activity conducted by LCWS or on behalf of LCWS will be done with care and to achieve minimal impact on the environment.
4. The headworks, pressure reducing valve stations, and distribution system will always be kept clean and free of debris to the extent practical.
 - a. Exception for temporary storage: Materials may be temporarily stored at the headworks location in order to accumulate larger quantities for efficient transportation to a licensed facility for disposal.