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GREENLEAF SEWER SYSTEM START-UP

(Greenleaf, Idaho) The Greenleaf Sewer System is coming on-line. The treatment plant is completed and tested. The EPA NPDES permit allowing plant operation became effective on 01 January 2013. As of the date of this media release, approximately sixty of the roughly three-hundred sewer connections have been made to the system, and the city's contractor is connecting more homes to the system as quickly as the snowy and cold January weather conditions allow. As the plant slowly fills with effluent from added connections, treatment at the plant will start.

The City is appreciative of the community's continued patience and cooperation as the final phase of providing a long term, environmentally sound sewer solution for Greenleaf is completed.

Customers of the new sewer system will be charged a flat rate of \$79.99 per month per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU), added to their current water and garbage billing from the city. Sewer charges will be added to the billing the month after connection to the system. Unless unforeseen difficulties arise, most all customers are expected to be connected by the end of February.

“This is an important time in the city's history,” stated Greenleaf Mayor Brad Holton. The Mayor explained that, “The city incorporated in 1973 because it was thought that having city government could bring grant dollars to build a sewer system for the community. Roughly sixty percent of the total cost for collection system and treatment plant have come from the city's multiple grant partnerships with the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), ARRA funding, Congressional Appropriation (SAAP grant), and loan forgiveness from our primary funding partner, the Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality.”

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