

Alternative Wastewater Demonstration Project
Left Fork Watershed of the Mud River



Lincoln County Commission ~ US EPA Cooperative Project

Recommendations to Legislative Interim Committees
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Recommendation 1: that the Legislature look at models in different states and find a procedure to address the issues of leaking tanks and testing direct discharge effluent, without putting undue burden on homeowners.

Recommendation 2: that the Legislature explore ways for the state to intervene to mitigate the risk when small PSDs take over maintenance of wastewater systems.

Recommendation 3: that the Legislature require that wastewater installers receive continuing education or ongoing training in order to maintain their certification.

Recommendation 4: that the Legislature fund project manger positions to develop small community wastewater projects.

Recommendation 5: that the Legislature establish a pool of money for unsewered communities to develop wastewater systems.

Recommendation 6: that the Legislature require that wastewater collection and treatment be considered at the same time as plans for water systems are developed (possibly requiring this through the Health Department permitting process).

Recommendation 7: that the Legislature investigate ways to put unpaid sewage bills on county tax roles.