

Water Main Breaks in Beech Mountain

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More water woes for the High Country, but this time not from mother nature. First reporting a sewage leak during the height of the storm Monday into Tuesday, Beech Mountain now has a major water main break. Callers reported midday today that water was coming up from underground in the Charter Hills -Tamarack Road area, first responding utility crews reporting the large amount of water and that the water in the area had to be cut off. Just how long remains to be seen, but residents were informed by a reverse call system of the situation. The other Beech Mountain utility issue is a 75,600 gallon spill of untreated waste water from a pump station belonging to Beech Mountain. The town, following state law, filed a release to the public on the spill, saying that between Monday and Tuesday, the untreated waste spilled into Buckeye Creek and into the Watauga River basin. State officials say that the spill was actually from rainwater flowing into points along the sewer system, overflowing and spilling into the creek. State officials say there have been no reports of fish kills in the area, leading them to believe the waste was well diluted by the rains that soaked and flooded the area over the weekend and into Monday