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Lake City wastewater discharge ended Thursday afternoon

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LAKE CITY—Lake City officials were able to stop an ongoing wastewater discharge going to Lake Creek with some innovative wiring early Thursday afternoon.

The discharge began after a pump failure that flooded a pumping station. The city treatment plant operator rewired a pump to stop the estimated 5,500 gallons per hour flowing into the creek.

The city estimates a total of 15,000 gallons reached the creek.

DNR recommends keeping children and pets away from the creek starting from the bridge crossing on County Road N37 for an additional 24 hours. Downstream farmers may want to find a temporary source of drinking water for livestock. Anglers downstream should rinse fish they catch, but the fish should be safe to eat.

The DNR will continue to monitor the situation and provide technical assistance, and consider enforcement action if it's appropriate.