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South Fork Coeur d'Alene River **SEWER DISTRICT**

South Fork Coeur d'Alene River Sewer District Information and FAQ

Q1. What is the South Fork Coeur d'Alene River Sewer District (District)?

A1. The District is a public utility authorized under Idaho Code 42-3201, serving Mullan to Pinehurst (except City of Smelterville). We provide wastewater collection, conveyance, and treatment for residential and commercial customers to ensure public health and safety.

Q2. Does the District provide drinking water? What areas does the District serve?

A2. No, we strictly handle wastewater. Drinking water is provided by separate entities: East Shoshone Water District (Mullan to Silverton), Central Shoshone Water District (Osburn to Smelterville), and Pinehurst Water District (Pinehurst). For service areas, we serve Mullan to Pinehurst (except City of Smelterville).

Q3. What does South Fork Coeur d'Alene River Sewer District do?

A3. We own the interceptor that transports wastewater to treatment plants, treat the wastewater, and own collection lines outside the cities of Mullan, Wallace, Osburn, and Kellogg. The cities of Mullan, Wallace, Osburn, and Kellogg manage their own collection systems.

Q4. Is there a separate bill for collections in the cities of Mullan, Wallace, Osburn, and Kellogg?

A4. Yes, residents of these cities receive two sewer bills: one from the city and one from South Fork Coeur d'Alene River Sewer District.

Q5. What are the user rates for the District?

A5. The Sewer District has two residential rates based on location: \$125.55 per quarter for properties outside the mentioned cities, covering collection and treatment. Customers within these cities pay the city for collection and \$112.65 per quarter to the Sewer District for treatment from December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026. Commercial users' charges are based on water usage. Rates are scheduled to change as follows:

DESCRIPTIONS	12/1/25	12/1/26	12/1/27	12/1/28	12/1/29	12/1/30
Service Charge (Quarterly per ERU) ¹						
Treatment Only	\$112.65	\$115.80	\$118.95	\$122.10	\$125.23	\$128.40
Treatment + Collection	\$125.55	\$135.60	\$146.65	\$155.70	\$165.75	\$175.80

Q6. How often does South Fork Coeur d'Alene River Sewer District bill its customers?

A6. We bill quarterly on the first business day of the quarter with payment due on the last day. Our billing quarters are: December 1st - February 28th, March 1st – May 31st, June 1st – August 31st, and September 1st - November 30th.

Q7. What is the homeowner's responsibility?

A7. Homeowners are responsible for the initial construction and ongoing maintenance of the service from the connection point at the collection main (typically in the street) to their building.

Q8. What is the New User Facility Fee (NUFF), and how much is it?

A8. The Treatment and Collection NUFF is a one-time fee of \$11,020.00 for a single residence receiving collection and treatment services. It covers the cost of conveying and treating wastewater. The Treatment only NUFF is a one-time fee of \$6,945.00 for a single residence receiving treatment only services. It covers the cost of treating wastewater. Both NUFF's are set to ensure fair distribution of infrastructure costs.

Q9. Does the NUFF cover construction costs, and is there a separate fee for the cities of Mullan, Wallace, Osburn, and Kellogg?

A9. No, the NUFF does not cover construction costs. Customers are responsible for installation, including septic tanks if required. For properties within the cities of Mullan, Wallace, Osburn, and Kellogg, these cities may have a separate fee with a different name, such as a Service Connection Charge or Capitalization Fee. Please contact them directly for details.

Q10. What is the process for connecting a property to the District?

A10. To connect to the District, contact us to start the permit process, complete the paperwork, pay the NUFF, and arrange for an inspection of the connection before covering it. For properties within Mullan, Wallace, Osburn, or Kellogg, please contact your city for their connection process.

Q11. How do I find out more about South Fork Coeur d’Alene River Sewer District?

A11. Visit www.southforksd.com or call 208-753-8041.

Glossary:

Collection Line: Main sewer line in the street that conveys flow from multiple service connections

Interceptor: Large pipe that transports wastewater from the collection lines to the treatment plant

Lateral: Sewer service pipe from the house to the collection line

NUFF: New User Facility Fee

Agency Contact List:

South Fork Coeur d’Alene River Sewer District	208-753-8041
City of Mullan	208-744-1515
City of Wallace	208-752-1147
City of Osburn	208-752-0001
City of Kellogg	208-786-9131
City of Smelterville	208-786-3351
Shoshone County Planning & Zoning	208-752-8891
East Shoshone Water District (serves Mullan to Silverton)	208-752-1174
Central Shoshone Water District (serves Osburn to Smelterville)	208-786-9141
Pinehurst Water District (serves Pinehurst)	208-682-3611