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### **ON NEW GROUND: NESTLÉ WATERS NORTH AMERICA ANNOUNCES EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR ACCESS TO ITS PLANNED MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR WATER BOTTLING FACILITY IN MCCLOUD**

(MCCLOUD, CA -- October 20, 2004) – Nestlé Waters North America announced today that it has entered into an agreement to acquire a 60-foot wide easement connecting State Highway 89 to the site of its proposed spring water bottling facility in McCloud. This will keep truck traffic from going through town when the new water bottling facility is built.

The easement contains an existing dirt road that is separate from the main road leading into and out of McCloud. Nestlé Waters expects to pave the existing road on the easement and make other improvements. Any road improvements in the easement are expected to be funded and maintained by Nestlé Waters.

"This easement is a significant milestone in fulfilling a promise we made to the community of McCloud not to bring truck traffic to and from our facility through town," said Dave Palais, Natural Resource Manager for Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water, a division of Nestlé Waters. "This is another exciting new step in the progress of making the Arrowhead facility a reality as well as protecting the quality of life in McCloud."

The easement will provide access to the 275 acre former California Cedar Products Company Lumber Mill, Nestlé Waters' preferred location for the multi-million dollar bottling facility as announced in July. The 60-foot easement begins in the northwest corner of the site and ends at State Highway 89 northwest of town.

"We are excited to see Nestlé Waters taking this step to keep its promise to the community of routing truck traffic away from the main portion of town," noted Pete Kampa, General Manager of the McCloud Community Serviced District. "The community will not have to deal with any truck traffic through town which I know will be welcomed by many residents."

"No road construction or improvements on the easement will begin until after the entire bottling facility project has been reviewed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which is currently underway by Siskiyou County," concluded Dave Palais. "But, the community will see an increased level of permitting and planning-related activity as we continue to move forward through the legal process necessary before building the water bottling facility."

Nestlé Waters hopes to begin construction of the bottling facility in 2005 for an opening sometime in 2006.

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