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Reply to  
Attn Of: OW-134

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David Mabe, Administrator  
State Water Quality Programs  
Department of Environmental Quality  
1410 North Hilton  
Boise, Idaho 83706-1255

Re: Approval of TMDL for the Lower North Fork Clearwater River Sub-basin  
(Hydrologic Unit Code 17060308)

Dear Mr. Mabe:

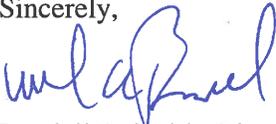
I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10, hereby approves the Lower North Fork Clearwater River Assessment and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for sediment and temperature submitted to us on December 5, 2002. This approval only includes those waters for which a TMDL was completed and does not constitute approval for de-listing of waters within Hydrologic Unit Code 17060308 from the Idaho 1998 §303(d) list. Any proposed de-listing of waters will be considered at the time of submission of the next §303(d) list of impaired waters.

The TMDL addressed in this letter includes the following:

<u>Water Body</u>	<u>TMDLs by Pollutant</u>
Breakfast Creek	Sediment
Cranberry Creek	Sediment, Temperature, Bacteria
Elk Creek - Lower	Temperature
Long Meadow Creek	Sediment, Temperature, Bacteria
Partridge Creek	Sediment
Reeds Creek	Sediment
Swamp Creek	Sediment, Temperature

By EPA's approval, these TMDLs are now incorporated into the State's Water Quality Management Plan under §303(e) of the Clean Water Act. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (206)553-1261, or you may call William Stewart of my staff at (208)378-5753.

Sincerely,

  
for Randall F. Smith, Director  
Office of Water

- cc: Steve Allred, IDEQ Director
- Doug Conde, IDEQ Attorney General
- Mike McIntyre, IDEQ Surface Water Program Manager
- Marti Bridges, IDEQ TMDL Program Manager
- Kerby Cole, IDEQ Regional Administrator, Lewiston Regional Office
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