



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 10

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Reply To  
Attn Of: OW-134

AUG 21 2003

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

Re: Approval of St. Joe River Subbasin TMDL (HUC #17010304)

Dear Mr. Mabe:

I am pleased to inform you that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves the St Joe River Subbasin Assessment and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) submitted to us on July 24, 2003. This TMDL addresses sediment in 3 stream segments and temperature in 13 segments in HUC 17010304. The TMDLs addressed in this letter include the following:

Stream	Segment ID Number	Assessment Unit	1998 303(d) Boundaries	Pollutant(s)
Bear/Little Bear Creeks	7606/7607	PN033_02	Headwaters to Toles Creek	Sediment/ Temperature
Beaver Creek	5619	PN025_02/ PN048_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Blackjack Creek	7577	PN027_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Bluff Creek	5022	PN045_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Fishhook Creek	3608	Pn039_04	Lick Creek to St. Joe River	Sediment/ Temperature
Fly Creek	3608	PN041_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Gold Creek	3622	PN053_02	East Fork Gold Creek to St. Joe River	Temperature
Harvey Creek	7576	PN027_02	Lick Creek to St. Joe River	Temperature
Heller Creek	2017	PN041_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Loop Creek	5620	PN060_02/03	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Mica Creek	3601	PN030_03	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Sediment
Mosquito Creek	2020	PN046_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Simmons Creek	2022	PN052_02/03	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Tank Creek	7575	PN027_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature

We appreciate the commitment and hard work shown by your staff and the many individuals and agencies who helped develop this TMDL. We hope that continued collaboration will bring about effective implementation of the TMDL and restoration of water quality in the St. Joe River Subbasin. By EPA's approval, the TMDL for these waterbodies is 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 Bill Stewart of my staff at (208)378-5753.

Sincerely,

for.   
 Randall F. Smith  
 Director  
 Office of Water

- cc: Gwen Fransen, IDEQ Coeur d'Alene Regional Administrator  
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Stream	Segment ID Number	Assessment Unit	1998 SBA(s) Boundaries	Yield(s)
Franklin Creek	2019	PN007_02	Headwaters to Tule Creek	Temperature
Franklin Creek	2019	PN007_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Blackfoot Creek	2017	PN007_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Blackfoot Creek	2002	PN007_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Blackfoot Creek	2008	PN007_02	Black Creek to St. Joe River	Temperature
Fly Creek	2008	PN007_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Gold Creek	2002	PN007_02	East Fork Black Creek to St. Joe River	Temperature
Harvey Creek	2016	PN007_02	Black Creek to St. Joe River	Temperature
Harvey Creek	2017	PN007_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Levy Creek	2020	PN006_0202	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Levy Creek	2021	PN007_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Mosquito Creek	2020	PN007_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Panama Creek	2022	PN007_0202	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature
Trout Creek	2022	PN007_02	Headwaters to St. Joe River	Temperature