

LEGAL NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Date: August 27, 2012

To: All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Individuals

Subject: Environmental Determination for the Fernwood Water & Sewer District Drinking Water System Improvement Project

In accordance with the Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities (IDAPA 58.01.22) and the Rules for Administration of the Drinking Water Loan Program (IDAPA 58.01.20), an environmental review has been performed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the following project:

Fernwood Water & Sewer District Drinking Water System Improvement Project
Benewah County
Fernwood, Idaho

This environmental determination was made as a result of the review process indicating no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project. There may be several environmental effects from the referenced project as described below.

Short term impacts may occur during project construction that includes temporary disruption of the distribution system, increased noise, increased dust pollution, increased potential for stormwater runoff, and disruption of localized traffic conditions. The project contractor is responsible for managing the temporary disruptions of the system as follows:

- **Air Quality:** Temporary dust pollution impacts will be controlled as a condition of the construction specifications in accordance with the DEQ Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, IDAPA 58.01.01.651 (rule). The rule states that reasonable precautions for dust control and suppression include using water or chemicals, applying dust suppressants, covering trucks, paving, and removing materials. In addition to the rule requirements, it is recommended that a dust prevention and control plan be implemented during construction of the project that includes DEQ Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize dust pollution for fugitive dust control.
- **Cultural Resources:** If archeological artifacts and human remains are inadvertently discovered during construction, ground disturbing activities shall cease and the State Historical Preservation Officer and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Historic Preservation Officer shall be notified.
- **Stormwater:** Avoid stormwater runoff by a) having equipment available to put appropriate containment systems into service in a timely manner. Examples of containment systems include silt fences, temporary berms, and vegetative or mulch cover, and b) installing drains to control surface runoff and to minimize soil loss.
- Noise impacts from the project construction will be reduced by restricting work hours to reasonable times identified in the construction specifications.
- Any other appropriate BMPs, wherever possible, to avoid or minimize impacts from other construction activities.

The District will also obtain the following permits:

- A floodplain development permit from Benewah County.
- Any other local, state or federal permit required for activities taking place during project construction.

Beneficial Impacts: Overall, the completion of the proposed project will have long term positive effects by providing a reliable drinking water supply to the community.

Description of the Project: The proposed project includes the purchase of a backup submersible well pump, Fin Creek reservoir repairs of the existing structure, replacement of the old service water meters, and replacement of the existing 1 inch waterline on Oak Street. In addition, the waterline replacement across the St. Maries River will be bored.

Copies Available: Copies of the notice of a FONSI, August 2012 *Environmental Information Document for Fernwood Water System* the July 2012 *Preliminary Engineering Facility Plan for Fernwood Water System*, and supporting documentation upon which it is based are available for public review on the DEQ web site at www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities or at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality State Office
Division of Water Quality
1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706
Grant/Loan SERP Coordinator: Ester Ceja
208-373-0585

Department of Environmental Quality Coeur d'Alene Regional Office
2110 Ironwood Parkway
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814
Regional Office Contact: Katy Baker-Casile
208-666-4640

Fernwood Water & Sewer District
65290 Highway 3 South
Fernwood, Idaho 83830
Contact: Hank Lewis, Chairman
208-245-3554

Public Comments: Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision must be submitted on the DEQ website < www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities > or addressed to:

Ester Ceja, Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Loan Program, 1410 N. Hilton Street, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Such comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before October 5, 2012. Public comments will be considered in finalizing the planning phase of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days from the date of publication.

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RE: Legal Notice Publication: Notification of a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Fernwood Water & Sewer District Drinking Water System Improvement Project

Dear Gazette Recorder:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality requests the enclosed legal notice be published in your newspaper. This request is to satisfy the state rule requirement that the notice of an environmental determination be given in advance of the intended action. To comply with the aforementioned legal requirements and the dates contained in the legal notice, we hereby request the legal notice be published one time, on one day, on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

Please compress the legal notice by eliminating any unnecessary lines and spaces. A formatted legal notice is attached for your convenience. If you are unable to publish on the requested date, please call for further instructions.

Following publication, please send: one (1) affidavit; one (1) proof of publication; and the billing invoice to:

Dawn Shepherd
Department of Environmental Quality
1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706

Failure to send the billing invoice to the address and contact person identified above could result in a delay in the processing of your invoice.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please call Ester Ceja at 208-373-0585 if you have any questions.

MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ Loan Program Coordinator

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