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Curt Fransen, Director

January 24, 2013

Honorable Mayor Kirk Hansen
City of Soda Springs
9 W. 2nd South
Soda Springs, ID 83276

RE: Environmental Determination for the City of Soda Springs Drinking Water Improvement Project (DWG 87-2008-2)

Dear Mayor Hansen:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the environmental information document (EID) for the City of Soda Springs drinking water improvement project. The potential impacts on a number of environmentally sensitive resources were evaluated in the environmental review. The city's project engineer consulted with a number of appropriate state and federal agencies regarding relevant issues. The project meets state and federal criteria for issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) since the environmental review process indicated no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project.

A FONSI legal notice will be published in the *Caribou County Sun*, newspaper of record for the city. DEQ has requested the *Caribou County Sun* publish the legal notice one (1) time, on one (1) day, on Thursday, January 31, 2013. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain a copy of the full FONSI for review and will give instructions on how they can submit comments. A 30 day public comment period will follow the FONSI legal notice publication. Should there be public comments and concerns related to the project or FONSI, DEQ may ask your help in preparing responses.

Following the 30 day public comment period, any significant comments or concerns will be considered and incorporated as appropriate into the *final* FONSI determination for the referenced project. After issuance of the *final* FONSI, and with approval of all technical considerations in the facility plan, the grant can be closed.

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Craig Borrenpohl, DEQ Pocatello Regional Office, (208) 239-5016, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project.

Sincerely,



Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

c: MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ State Office
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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Date: January 24, 2013

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

Subject: Environmental Determination for the City of Soda Springs Drinking Water Improvement Project

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

Project:	City of Soda Springs Drinking Water Improvement Project
Location:	Soda Springs, Caribou County, Idaho
DEQ Grant Number:	DWG 87-2008-2
DEQ Grant Costs:	\$30,000.00

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF IMPACTS:

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to address the City of Soda Springs source water deficiencies.

Description of the Project: The proposed project includes the completion of a spring capacity study, improvements to the Formation Springs intake, replacement and expansion of the aeration system at Formation Springs, and new chlorination systems at Formation Springs and Ledge Creek sites.

Direct and Indirect Impacts: An environmental information document (EID) was prepared by Keller Associates, Inc. (Keller) consulting engineer for the City of Soda Springs. Keller and DEQ consulted with a number of appropriate state and federal agencies regarding relevant environmentally sensitive resources. Based on the consultation with agency experts, Keller and DEQ evaluated the potential short and long-term impacts, and the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the proposed drinking water improvements. The evaluation emphasized site-specific components of the environment that are most likely to be impacted by the construction and operation of the proposed improvements. The results of the project evaluation indicate there will be environmental effects from the referenced project as described below.

Short term impacts may occur during project construction that includes temporary turbidity in the Formation Springs pond, increased dust pollution and increased potential for stormwater runoff. 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, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, and the Northwest Band Shoshone Tribe shall be notified.
- **Stormwater:** Avoid stormwater runoff by having equipment available to put appropriate containment systems into service in a timely manner and installing drains to control surface runoff and to minimize soil loss. Examples of containment systems include silt fences, temporary berms, and vegetative or mulch cover.
- 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 Caribou 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 and good quality drinking water supply for the community.

Finding: The review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision has been made that an Environmental Impact Statement does not need to be prepared for the proposed project. Instead, a FONSI is hereby issued by DEQ. This decision is made following a careful review of the June 2012 *Soda Springs, Idaho Environmental Information Document for the Water Facilities Planning Study* and supporting documentation.

AVAILABILITY OF COPIES:

Copies of the notice of a FONSI, June 2012 *Soda Springs, Idaho Environmental Information Document for the Water Facilities Planning Study*, 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 Pocatello Regional Office
 444 Hospital Way, #300
 Pocatello, Idaho 83201
 Regional Office Contact: Craig Borrenpohl
 208-239-5016

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 9 West 2nd South
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 Contact: Mayor Kirk Hansen
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The public will be informed about the proposed project and their opportunity for comment through the *Caribou County Sun* newspaper, one time in the Thursday, January 31, 2013 publication.

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

Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Quality
Grant and Loan Program
1410 North Hilton Street
Boise, Idaho 83706
Attention: Ester Ceja, Grant/Loan SERP Coordinator

All comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before March 4, 2013. After an evaluation of public comment, DEQ will make a final decision. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days after publication of the draft FONSI Notice.



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City of Soda Springs Drinking Water Improvement Project
Caribou County
Soda Springs, Idaho

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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 March 4, 2013. 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.

Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator