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Reply to
Attn Of: OW-134

David Mabe, Administrator
State Water Quality Programs
Idaho Division of Environmental Quality
1410 N. Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706-1255

Dear Mr. Mabe:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the five Lower Boise River TMDLs submitted to us on December 18, 1998 with supplemental materials provided on September 28, 1999, for the following parameters:

<u>Waterbody</u>	<u>Segment</u>	<u>TMDL Parameter</u>
Lower Boise River	Barber Diversion to Star	sediment
Lower Boise River	Star to Notus	sediment, bacteria
Lower Boise River	Notus to Snake River	sediment, bacteria

We are impressed by the commitment and hard work shown by the Lower Boise River Watershed Advisory Group and the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality in developing this TMDL. In particular, Sally Goodell, Paul Schinke and Brian Horsburgh of your staff should be commended for their efforts. We look forward to implementation of the TMDL, and continuing to work collaboratively on water quality issues in the Lower Boise River watershed.

By EPA's approval, these TMDLs are now incorporated into the State's Water Quality Management Plan under Section 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 Leigh Woodruff of my staff at (208) 378-5774.

Sincerely,


Randall F. Smith, Director
Office of Water

cc: Steve West, IDEQ
Robin Finch, LBRWAG