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Reply To: OW-134
Attn Of:

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

Re: Approval of the sediment TMDLs for the Lower West Branch Priest River and Kalispell Creek in the Priest River Subbasin

Dear Mr. Mabe:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the sediment TMDLs for the Lower West Branch Priest River and Kalispell Creek in the Priest River Subbasin submitted to us on February 19, 2002. The segment information on the TMDLs being approved is:

<u>Waterbody</u>	<u>HUC Number</u>	<u>TMDL Parameter</u>
Lower West Branch Priest River	17010215-030	Sediment
Kalispell Creek	17010215-024	Sediment

We appreciate the cooperative effort of the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality staff and local watershed interests in developing these TMDLs. We look forward to implementation of the TMDLs, and to continuing collaborative work on the water quality issues in the Priest 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.

Your letter also stated that you were delaying submittal of decisions on several waters while you determined their support status. We would appreciate your following up with the necessary schedule change requests for these deferrals.

We look forward to continuing to work collaborately with you on water quality issues in the Priest Subbasin. 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

Taken care of by Leigh W 4/12/02 not an issue

cc: Mike McIntyre, IDEQ
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