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Curt Fransen, Director

April 2, 2013

Lonnie Orr, District Chairman
West Bonner Water & Sewer District
215 N. Washington Avenue
Oldtown, Idaho 83822

RE: Environmental Determination for West Bonner Water & Sewer District Albeni Falls Wastewater Improvement Project

Dear Chairman Orr:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the Environmental Information Document for the West Bonner Water & Sewer District (District) Albeni Falls wastewater improvement project. The potential impacts on a number of environmentally sensitive resources were evaluated in the environmental review. The District'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 *Priest River Times*, newspaper of record for the District. DEQ has requested the *Priest River Times* publish the legal notice one (1) time, on one (1) day, on Wednesday, April 10, 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, DEQ will be able to proceed with the State Revolving Fund loan.

Katy Baker-Casile at the DEQ Coeur d'Alene Regional Office, (208) 666-4640, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep her informed of progress on the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry N. Burnell".

Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

c: MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ State Office
Katy Baker-Casile, DEQ Coeur d'Alene Regional Office
Spencer Ferguson, James A. Sewell & Associates, LLC (sferguson@jasewell.com)
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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Date: April 2, 2013
To: All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Individuals
Subject: Environmental Determination for West Bonner Water & Sewer District Albeni Falls Wastewater Improvement Project

In accordance with the Rules for Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans (IDAPA 58.01.12), 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:	West Bonner Water & Sewer District Albeni Falls Wastewater Improvement Project
Location:	Oldtown, Bonner County, Idaho
DEQ Loan:	TBD
DEQ Loan Amount:	\$1,315,000.00
Total Loan Project Cost:	\$1,599,000.00

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF IMPACTS:

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to improve water quality and reduce public health concerns by connecting the Albeni Falls area to the Oldtown/Newport wastewater system.

Description of the Project: The proposed project includes the following:

- Installation of approximately 3,898 linear feet of 18", 15", 12", 10", and 8" pipe
- Installation of a lift station, a valve, and meter box
- Installation of manholes
- Construction of a lift station control building with a generator
- A 12" high density polyethylene (HDPE) to serve as casing for a 6" HDPE pressure sewer force main bored to cross the Pend Oreille River.

Direct and Indirect Impacts: Short term impacts may occur during project construction that include increased noise, 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 (such as beads, arrow heads, pottery, fabric, grave goods, glass, metal fragments or other human made objects that appear to predate 1960) or human remains (such as bones, bone fragments or teeth) are inadvertently discovered during construction, ground

disturbing activities shall cease and the State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the Kalispel Tribe shall be notified. They can be reached by telephone at (208) 334-3847 and (509) 445-1147, respectively. Mitigation measures will be implemented as directed by SHPO and the Tribe, and work will not resume at the discovery site without their consent. If human remains are discovered, in addition the Oldtown Police Department and the Bonner County Coroner will be contacted prior to SHPO and work will not resume until law enforcement has also released the site.

- **Floodplain:** Lift stations, manholes, and control buildings in the floodplain should be elevated at or above the base flood elevation.
- **Stormwater:** Stormwater runoff will be handled through an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Construction General Permit and development of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The SWPPP and stormwater BMPs will be implemented prior, during and after project construction to reduce the potential for erosion from runoff.
- **Wetlands:** The sewer line construction immediately north and adjacent to the Diamond Mill Loop Road will occur in the centerline of the existing road so as not to impact nearby wetlands.
- 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 following permits will be required for this project:

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

Beneficial Impacts: Overall, the decommissioning of septic systems and construction of a centralized collection system will have long term positive effects through improved water quality.

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 *Preliminary Engineering Report for the Water and Sewer Extension to the Albeni Area 2012-Phase I* and the March 2013 *West Bonner Water and Sewer District Albeni Area Sewer System Extension Project Environmental Information Document*, and supporting documentation.

AVAILABILITY OF COPIES:

Copies of the notice of a FONSI, June 2012 *Preliminary Engineering Report for the Water and Sewer Extension to the Albeni Area 2012-Phase I* and the March 2013 *West Bonner Water and Sewer District Albeni Area Sewer System Extension Project Environmental Information Document*, 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 Contact: 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

West Bonner Water & Sewer District
215 N. Washington Avenue
Oldtown, Idaho 83822
District Chairman: Lonnie Orr
208-437-3833

The public will be informed about the proposed project and their opportunity for comment through the *Priest River Times* on Wednesday, April 10, 2013

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 May 10, 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.



Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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West Bonner Water & Sewer District Albeni Falls Wastewater Improvement Project
Bonner County
Oldtown, Idaho

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

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Public Comments: Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted to the following address at DEQ for consideration:

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

Such comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before May 10, 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



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Priest River Times
sfoote@priestrivertimes.com

RE: Legal Notice Publication: Notification of a Finding of No Significant Impact for West Bonner Water & Sewer District Albeni Falls Wastewater Improvement Project

Dear Priest River Times:

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, April 10, 2013.

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

Enclosure: Formatted Legal Notice