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Mr. Barry Burnell, Administrator
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Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
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Re: Approval of the Upper (North Fork) Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin Temperature Total Maximum Daily Loads (July 2013)

Dear Mr. Burnell:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality submitted the Upper (North Fork) Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin Temperature Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on July 26, 2013. Following our review, the EPA is pleased to approve fifty four TMDLs for the waters and pollutant listed in the attached Table 1. All of these waters were included in Idaho's 2010 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list (List) of impaired waters.

This approval only includes those waters for which a TMDL was completed and does not constitute approval for the proposed de-listing of waters within Hydrologic Unit Code 17010301from the Idaho Section 303(d) list. Any proposed de-listing of waters will be considered at the time of submission of the next Section 303(d) list of impaired waters.

This submittal also includes implementation strategies for the TMDLs. IDEQ developed and submitted these strategies pursuant to the TMDL Settlement Agreement of July 2002. The EPA has no duty to approve or disapprove implementation strategies under Section 303(d); therefore, the EPA is not taking action on these strategies. Implementation is the critical next step to realize improvements in water quality, and we encourage IDEQ to continue their work with responsible parties on implementation of these strategies.

We would like to recognize Kajsa Stromberg for the dedication she has shown in working for many years with the North Fork Coeur d'Alene Watershed Advisory Group, and bringing these TMDLs to completion.

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By the EPA's approval, these TMDLs are now incorporated into the State's Water Quality Management Plan under Clean Water Act Section 303(e). If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-1855, or you may call Leigh Woodruff of my staff at (208) 378-5774.

Sincerely,

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Table 1: EPA-Approved TMDLs on Impaired Waters
Upper (North Fork) Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin Temperature TMDL

Name of Creek/Water Segment	Assessment Unit #	Pollutant
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River tributaries below Prichard Creek	ID17010301PN001_02	temperature
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River below Prichard Creek	ID17010301PN001_05	temperature
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River between Yellowdog and Prichard Creeks	ID17010301PN001_05a	temperature
Graham Creek below Deceitful Gulch	ID17010301PN002_03	temperature
Beaver Creek headwaters and tributaries	ID17010301PN003_02	temperature
Beaver Creek below White Creek	ID17010301PN003_03	temperature
Prichard Creek below Eagle Creek	ID17010301PN004_04	temperature
Prichard Creek headwaters and tributaries above Butte Gulch	ID17010301PN005_02	temperature
West Fork Eagle Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN008_02	temperature
Lost Creek below East Fork Lost Creek	ID17010301PN009_03	temperature
Shoshone Creek below Falls Creek	ID17010301PN010_03	temperature
Falls Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN011_02	temperature
Shoshone Creek headwaters and tributaries above Falls Creek	ID17010301PN012_02	temperature
Shoshone Creek between Little Lost Fork and Falls Creek	ID17010301PN012_03	temperature
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River tributaries between Tepee and Yellowdog Creeks	ID17010301PN013_02	temperature
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River between Jordan and Tepee Creeks	ID17010301PN013_04	temperature
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River between Tepee and Yellowdog Creeks	ID17010301PN013_05	temperature
Jordan Creek and Lower Lost Fork	ID17010301PN014_03	temperature
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River, upper, headwaters, and tributaries	ID17010301PN015_02	temperature
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River, upper, and lower Buckskin Creek	ID17010301PN015_03	temperature
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River between Buckskin and Jordan Creeks	ID17010301PN015_04	temperature
West Elk Creek and Cataract Creek	ID17010301PN016_02	temperature
Tepee Creek between Trail Creek and Independence Creek	ID17010301PN017_04	temperature
Tepee Creek below Independence Creek	ID17010301PN017_05	temperature
Independence Creek headwaters and tributaries	ID17010301PN018_02	temperature

Declaration Creek, lower	ID17010301PN018_03a	temperature
Snow Creek, lower	ID17010301PN018_03b	temperature
Independence Creek below Declaration Creek	ID17010301PN018_04	temperature
Trail Creek headwaters and tributaries	ID17010301PN019_02	temperature
Trail Creek below Stewart Creek	ID17010301PN019_03	temperature
Tepee Creek headwaters and tributaries	ID17010301PN020_02	temperature
Tepee Creek between Short Creek and Trail Creek	ID17010301PN020_03	temperature
Brett Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN021_02	temperature
Miners Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN022_02	temperature
Flat Creek, lower	ID17010301PN023_03	temperature
Yellowdog Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN024_02	temperature
Brown Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN026_02	temperature
Steamboat Creek headwaters and tributaries	ID17010301PN028_02	temperature
Steamboat Creek and West Fork Steamboat Creek below Comfy Creek	ID17010301PN028_03	temperature
Cougar Gulch below East Fork Cougar Gulch	ID17010301PN029_03	temperature
Little North Fork Coeur d'Alene River tributaries above Iron Creek	ID17010301PN030_02a	temperature
Little North Fork Coeur d'Alene River tributaries between Hudlow and Deception Creeks	ID17010301PN030_02c	temperature
Little North Fork Coeur d'Alene River tributaries below Skookum Creek	ID17010301PN030_02d	temperature
Little North Fork Coeur d'Alene River between Solitaire and Skookum Creeks	ID17010301PN030_03	temperature
Little North Fork Coeur d'Alene River below Skookum Creek	ID17010301PN030_04	temperature
Bumblebee Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN031_02	temperature
Laverne Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN032_02	temperature
Leiberg Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN033_02	temperature
Bootjack Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN034_02	temperature
Iron Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN035_02	temperature
Burnt Cabin Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN036_02	temperature
Deception Creek and tributaries	ID17010301PN037_02	temperature
Skookum Creek, lower	ID17010301PN038_03	temperature
Copper Creek, lower	ID17010301PN039_03	temperature