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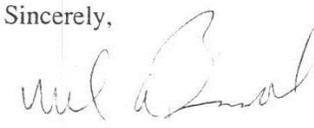
Dear Mr. Mabe:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is pleased to approve the Little Lost River Subbasin Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), submitted to us on September 5, 2000, for sediment for Little Lost River, Sawmill Creek and Wet Creek. The proposed temperature TMDLs for these same waterbodies are not included in this approval. They are still under review and EPA will issue a separate decision for them at a later date.

We appreciate the commitment and hard work shown by Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service in developing these TMDLs. In particular, Tom Herron and Troy Saffle of your staff, Bart Gamett from USFS Salmon-Challis National Forest and Mark Stauffer, Butte County Commissioner should be commended for their efforts. We look forward to implementation of these TMDLs, and continuing to work collaboratively on water quality issues in the Little Lost River Subbasin.

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 questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-1261, or you may call Jayne Carlin of my staff at (206) 553-6977.

Sincerely,


/s/ Randall F. Smith, Director
Office of Water

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