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Re: Revision to Approval of the 2012 Lochsa Temperature TMDLs (HUC: 17060303)

Dear Ms. Nelson:

On July 10, 2020, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) requested that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) amend its August 27, 2018, approval of the 2012 Lochsa River Subbasin Total Maximum Daily Loads (Lochsa TMDLs). This request was made because IDEQ originally requested approval of TMDLs for 31 unlisted assessment units (AUs) that it has subsequently determined do not have sufficient information demonstrating temperature impairment.

EPA's enclosed 2018 approval letter denotes our approval of those TMDLs was based on an understanding that the 31 AUs would have been included on Idaho's 303(d) list had it been aware of the impairments when the list was completed. Since the 31 AUs have not been moved to Category 4a for subsequent 303(d) lists, and the Lochsa TMDLs, as well as your recent request, do not indicate IDEQ has determined those AUs are temperature-impaired, EPA is amending its 2018 approval as follows: The approval action is unchanged for the six AUs included in Idaho's 2016 303(d) list of impaired waters, as identified in Table 1. EPA is withdrawing its approval of the TMDLs completed for the 31 unlisted AUs in Table 2 and taking no action because they are informational TMDLs.

Table 1: EPA-Approved TMDLs on Impaired Waters

Name of Creek/Water Segment	Assessment Unit #	Pollutant
Lochsa River – Deadman to mouth	ID17060303CL001_02	Temperature
Deadman Creek – source to E.F. Deadman Creek	ID17060303CL061_02	Temperature
Canyon Creek – source to mouth	ID17060303CL062_03	Temperature
Pete King Creek – Walde Creek to mouth	ID17060303CL063_02	Temperature
Pete King Creek – Walde Creek to mouth	ID17060303CL063_03	Temperature
Walde Creek – source to mouth	ID17060303CL064_02	Temperature

Table 2: Informational TMDLs on Unlisted Waters

Name of Creek/Water Segment	Assessment Unit #	TMDL Pollutant
Badger/Wendover Creeks	ID17060303CL043_02	Temperature
Badger/Wendover Creeks	ID17060303CL044_02	Temperature
Brushy Fork Creek	ID17060303CL035_03	Temperature
Brushy Fork Creek	ID17060303CL035_04	Temperature
Brushy Fork Creek/Pack Creek	ID17060303CL035_02	Temperature
Canyon Creek	ID17060303CL062_02	Temperature

Colt Killed Creek	ID17060303CL024_02	Temperature
Colt Killed Creek	ID17060303CL024_04	Temperature
Colt Killed Creek/Beaver Creek	ID17060303CL033_02	Temperature
Crooked Fork Creek	ID17060303CL034_02	Temperature
Crooked Fork Creek	ID17060303CL034_05	Temperature
Crooked Fork Creek	ID17060303CL038_04	Temperature
Crooked Fork Creek/Haskell Creek	ID17060303CL038_02	Temperature
Deadman Creek	ID17060303CL059_02	Temperature
Deadman Creek	ID17060303CL059_03	Temperature
E.F. Deadman Creek	ID17060303CL060_02	Temperature
E.F. Deadman Creek	ID17060303CL060_03	Temperature
Papoose Creek	ID17060303CL041_02	Temperature
Papoose Creek	ID17060303CL041_03	Temperature
Papoose Creek	ID17060303CL042_02	Temperature
Post Office Creek	ID17060303CL048_02	Temperature
Post Office Creek	ID17060303CL048_03	Temperature
Spruce Creek	ID17060303CL036_02	Temperature
Squaw Creek	ID17060303CL045_02	Temperature
Squaw Creek	ID17060303CL045_03	Temperature
Squaw Creek	ID17060303CL046_02	Temperature
Squaw Creek/Doe Creek	ID17060303CL047_02	Temperature
Upper Brushy Fork Creek	ID17060303CL037_02	Temperature
Walton/Cliff Creeks	ID17060303CL022_02	Temperature
Walton/Cliff Creeks	ID17060303CL023_02	Temperature
Walton/Cliff Creeks/Cold Storage Creek	ID17060303CL020_02a	Temperature

As IDEQ has made no revisions to the Lochsa TMDLs since EPA's August 27, 2018, approval, all aspects of our 2018 approval remain unchanged except for our amendment to a no action determination for the 31 unlisted AUs in Table 2. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-1855, or you may call Lisa Kusnierz of my staff at 208-378-5626.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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