Reply To
Attn Of: OW-134

David Maber, Assistant Administrator
Water Quality & Remediation Program
Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare
Division of Environmental Quality
1410 N. Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706-1255

Re: North and Middle Fork Owyhee River Subbasin Assessment and
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

Dear Mr. Maber:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the North and
Middle Fork Owyhee River TMDL submitted to us on January 3, 2000, for the following
parameter:

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We appreciate the effort of the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality in developing this
TMDL. We look forward to implementation of the TMDL, and continuing to work
collaboratively on water quality issues in the North and Middle Fork Owyhee River.

By EPA’s approval, this TMDL is now incorporated into the state’s Water Quality
Management Plan under Section 303(e) of the Clean Water Act. If you have any comments or
questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-1261, or you may call Fletcher Shives of my
staff at (206) 553-8512.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Randall F. Smith
Director
Office of Water

cc: Steve West, IDEQ