Reply To
Attn Of: OW-134

JUL 18 2000

David Mabe, Administrator
State Water Quality Programs
Idaho Division of Environmental Quality
1410 N. Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706-1255

Re: Middle Fork Payette River Sub-basin Assessment and TMDL (HUC: 17050121)

Dear Mr. Mabe:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the Middle Fork Payette River TMDL submitted to us on December 31, 1998, as revised on December 23, 1999, for the following parameters:

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We look forward to implementation of the TMDL, and continuing to work collaboratively on water quality issues in the Middle Fork Payette watershed.

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 Leigh Woodruff of my staff at (208) 378-5774.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Randall F. Smith
Director
Office of Water

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