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Mr. Barry Burnell, Administrator
Water Quality Division
Department of Environmental Quality
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Re: Correction of Assessment Units Approved for the Middle Fork Salmon River Subbasin
Temperature TMDLs (HUCs: 17060205 and 17060206)

Dear Mr. Burnell:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the temperature Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), for the Middle Fork Salmon River Subbasin on February 13, 2009. The TMDLs were submitted on December 22, 2008. It has come to our attention that some of the Assessment Units (AUs) identified for the Middle Fork Salmon River Subbasin TMDLs were incorrect. With this letter we would like to clarify which AUs of the Middle Fork Salmon River Subbasin have approved temperature TMDLs.

The TMDL addressed nine segments of Marsh Creek. One segment (ID 17060205SL24_02) was included in Idaho's 2002 and 2008 303(d) list for an unknown pollutant. The pollutant was determined in the subbasin assessment to be temperature, and a temperature TMDL was completed for this listed segment. Also, the February 13, 2009 approval letter stated that **eight** other segments of Marsh Creek were found to be water quality limited for temperature and were addressed by the TMDL, although they had not previously been 303(d) listed. It has since been determined that only **four** other segments of Marsh Creek were included in the temperature TMDLs for the Middle Fork Salmon River Subbasin. The AUs identified immediately below were erroneously included in the February 13, 2009 approval letter under Marsh Creek. These AUs are not covered by the Middle Fork Salmon River Subbasin temperature TMDLs:

ID17060205SL025_02
ID17060205SL028_03
ID17060205SL028_04
ID17060205SL030_02

TMDLs for the remaining 24 previously unlisted AUs (nine creeks) were correctly identified in the February 13, 2009 approval letter.

To clarify EPA's approval action, a revised table of approved TMDLs is included below, showing all 29 water segments (10 creeks) addressed by the Middle Fork Salmon River Subbasin temperature TMDL.

Revised Table of Approved TMDLs

Name of Creek/Water Segment	Assessment Unit #	Pollutant
Marsh Creek	ID17060205SL024_02** ID17060205SL018_05** ID17060205SL019_03** ID17060205SL019_04** ID17060205SL024_03**	Temperature
Beaver Creek (4 th order AU)	ID17060205SL028_04**	Temperature
Beaver Creek (3 rd order AU)	ID17060205SL031_03**	Temperature
Winnemucca Creek	ID17060205SL030_03**	Temperature
Knapp Creek	ID17060205SL025_02**	Temperature
Camas Creek	ID17060206SL020_04** ID17060206SL021_04** ID17060206SL022_04** ID17060206SL023_04** ID17060206SL025_04** ID17060206SL026_04** ID17060206SL027_04** ID17060206SL028_04** ID17060206SL030_02** ID17060206SL030_03**	Temperature
Castle Creek	ID17060206SL033_02**	Temperature
Silver Creek	ID17060206SL034_02** ID17060206SL034_03**	Temperature
Duck Creek	ID17060206SL035_02**	Temperature
Yellowjacket Creek	ID17060206SL037_03** ID17060206SL038_03** ID17060206SL039_03** ID17060206SL041_03** ID17060206SL043_02** ID17060206SL043_03**	Temperature

*Water segment included in 2002 303(d) list for unknown cause and in 2008 list as impaired for "combined biota/habitat bioassessment." Subbasin assessment determined the impairment was caused by temperature.

**Water segment previously unlisted but determined to be impaired by temperature.

EPA appreciates the cooperation of IDEQ staffer, Leslie Freeman, in providing the correct AUs for these TMDLs. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-6694, or you may call Donna Walsh of my staff at (206) 334-8412.

Sincerely,



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