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DEQ-Coeur d'Alene
Regional Office

Re: Approval of North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin TMDL (HUC #17010301)

Dear Mr. Mabe:

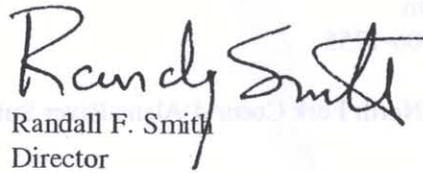
I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10 hereby approves the North Fork (Upper) Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) submitted to us on January 3, 2002.

This TMDL addresses sediment in 17 stream segments, and metals in one stream segment in the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin. The TMDLs addressed in this letter include the following:

<i>Stream Name</i>	<i>HUC Number</i>	<i>Pollutant</i>
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River	17010301 3482	sediment
Tepee Creek	17010301 3508	sediment
Big Elk Creek	17010301 3511	sediment
Calamity Creek	17010301 5034	sediment
Cub Creek	17010301 5054	sediment
Yellow Dog Creek	17010301 3506	sediment
Shoshone Creek	17010301 3504	sediment
Lost Creek	17010301 5643	sediment
Falls Creek	17010301 7504	sediment
Prichard Creek	17010301 3500	sediment
East Fork Eagle Creek	17010301 5617	sediment, metals
Cougar Gulch	17010301 7501	sediment
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River	17010301 3481	sediment
Steamboat Creek	17010301 3495	sediment
Little North Fork Coeur d'Alene River	17010301 3485	sediment
Copper Creek	17010301 3487	sediment
Burnt Cabin Creek	17010301 5032	sediment

We appreciate the commitment and hard work shown by your staff and the many individuals and agencies who helped develop this TMDL. We hope that continued collaboration will bring about effective implementation of the TMDL and restoration of water quality in the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin. By EPA's approval, the TMDL for these waterbodies is now incorporated into the State's Water Quality Management Plan under §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 Jennifer Wu of my staff at (206)553-6328.

Sincerely,



Randall F. Smith
 Director
 Office of Water

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Stream Name	HFC Number	Regulation
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River	17010301 2182	sediment
Tape Creek	17010301 2108	sediment
Big Elk Creek	17010301 2311	sediment
Catalpa Creek	17010301 2034	sediment
Cub Creek	17010301 2044	sediment
Yellow Rock Creek	17010301 2408	sediment
Shades of Creek	17010301 1701	sediment
Lean Creek	17010301 1663	sediment
Halls Creek	17010301 1704	sediment
Trident Creek	17010301 2300	sediment
East Fork Eagle Creek	17010301 2015	sediment, metals
Crocker Creek	17010301 1700	sediment
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River	17010301 2481	sediment
Shawbon Creek	17010301 2447	sediment
East Fork Coeur d'Alene River	17010301 2482	sediment
Crocker Creek	17010301 2417	sediment
North Fork Coeur d'Alene River	17010301 2012	sediment