

October 7, 2008

Name
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Dear participant:

This letter is to inform you that the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is in the process of reassembling the Blackfoot River Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) to assist in the 5-year review of the Blackfoot River Subbasin Assessment (SBA) and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). As part of the 5-year review, the DEQ and WAGs will re-evaluate each SBA/TMDL and implementation plan, examine new information and data, and review the beneficial uses and water quality criteria relevant to the SBA/TMDL. This includes examining stream segments identified as impaired on the current 303(d) list (2002).

You are being sent this letter because your name has been suggested as a participant in the 5-year review of the Blackfoot River SBA/TMDL. Enclosed are a list and a map of 303(d) listed stream segments and pollutants that will be addressed by the DEQ and WAG as part of this 5-year review. Additionally, I have enclosed a brief survey for you to complete that will help us with the review process.

DEQ is operating under a law (House Bill 145) regarding duties of DEQ and of the WAGs to work in consultation on the 5-year review of a SBA/TMDL. Basically, there is a desire to ensure diverse and full participation from citizens in the watershed and full disclosure of all analysis by the DEQ. The information requested on the enclosed form relates to the public involvement process requirements and also enables us to initiate the WAG and TMDL process as efficiently as possible. More information on the public involvement process and related WAG and DEQ responsibilities will be provided at the first meeting.

I hope that you are interested in participating in the Blackfoot River WAG. Please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey. In addition, I will be contacting you in the next few weeks to touch base regarding your participation, available information, and to determine an appropriate meeting time and place. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at the DEQ office in Pocatello or via e-mail (Melissa.thompson@deq.idaho.gov or 208-236-6160).

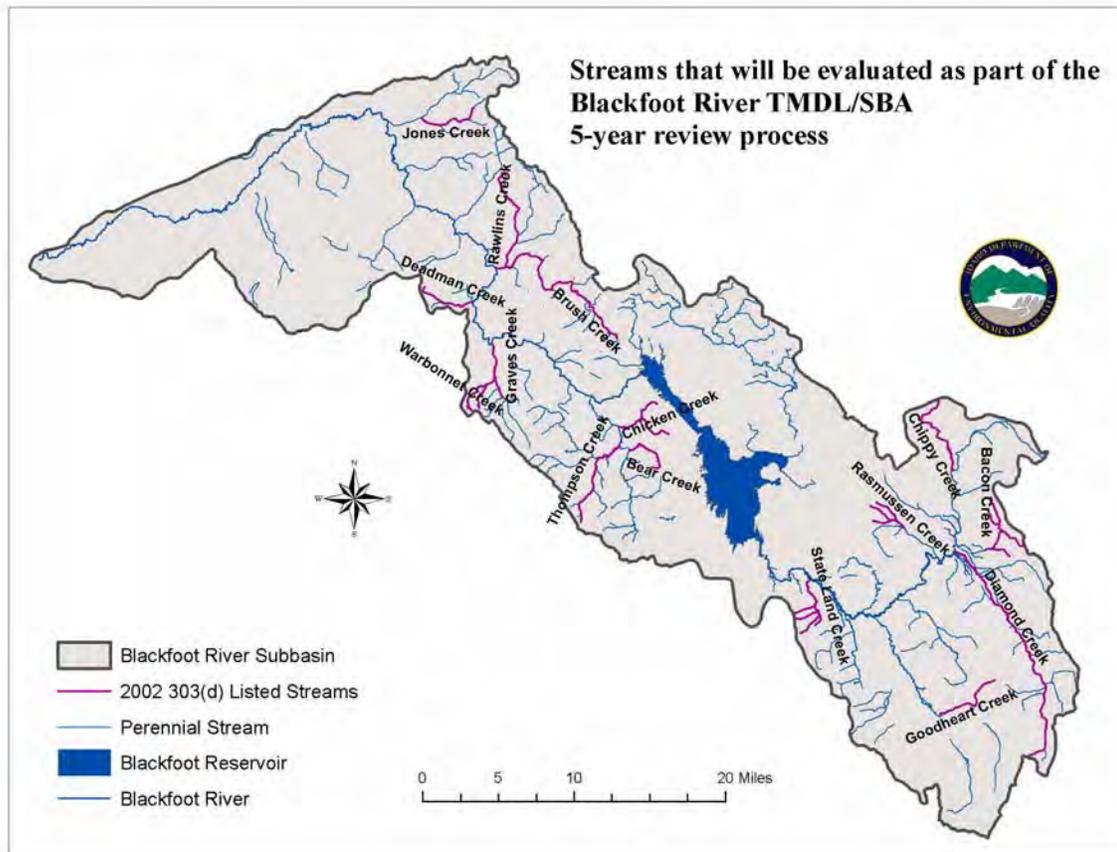
I look forward to meeting and working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Melissa Thompson
Water Quality Analyst

Enc: Watershed map and list of streams for TMDL development, survey and WAG background information

cc: Lynn VanEvery, Regional Water Quality Manager, Idaho DEQ



Streams and pollutants of concern that will be evaluated as part of the 5-year review process.

Water Body	Segment	Assessment Unit of 17040207	2002 303(d) listed Pollutant(s) ¹
Bacon Creek ² (upper)	Headwaters to USFS boundary	SK019_02 SK019_02a	sediment
Bear Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK006_02b	sediment
Brush Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK026_02 SK026_03	bacteria
Chicken Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK006_02a	sediment
Chippy Creek (lower)	3 rd order section to mouth	SK021_03	sediment
Deadman Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK002_02b	sediment
Diamond Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK016_03	bacteria
Goodheart Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK012_02b	sediment
Grave Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK005_02a SK005_02 SK005_03	sediment
Warbonnet Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK005_02b	sediment
Jones Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK031_02	sediment
Rasmussen Creek	HW to Angus Creek	SK023_02a	sediment
Rawlins Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK027_02 SK027_03	pathogen
State Land Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK010_02a	sediment
Thompson Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK008_02	sediment

¹ Metals and Selenium 2002 303(d) listings will be reviewed for TMDL development at a later date. Streams with 2002 selenium and/or metals 303 (d) listings are: Blackfoot River (Diamond Creek to Slug Creek), Dry Valley Creek, Maybe Creek, Mill Canyon Creek, and Spring Creek.

² Approved sediment TMDL (2002) for lower Bacon Creek

Streams with approved TMDLs

Water Body	Segment	Assessment Unit of 17040207	TMDL pollutant/parameter ¹
Blackfoot River	Headwaters to Blackfoot Reservoir	SK015_04 SK010_03 SK010_04 SK010_05	Sediment
Blackfoot River	Blackfoot Reservoir to Wolverine Creek		Sediment, nutrients
Blackfoot River	Wolverine Creek to Main Canal (equalizing dam)	SK002_05	Sediment, nutrients
Wolverine Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK030_02 SK030_03	Sediment, nutrients
Corral Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK006_02 SK006_03 SK006_04	Sediment
Meadow Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK025_02 SK025_02a SK025_02d SK025_03 SK025_04	Sediment
Trail Creek (upper Blackfoot)	Headwaters to mouth	SK011_02 SK011_03 SK011_03a	Sediment
Slug Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK012_02 SK012_03 SK012_04	Sediment
Dry Valley Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK013_02 SK013_02a SK013_03	Sediment
Angus Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK023_02 SK023_02b SK023_04	Sediment
Lanes Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK018_02 SK018_02a SK018_02e SK018_03 SK018_04	Sediment
Bacon Creek	Lanes Creek to USFS boundary	SK019_02b	Sediment
Sheep Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK022_02 SK022_03 SK022_03a	Sediment
Diamond Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK016_02 SK016_02a SK016_02c SK016_02f SK016_02g SK016_03 SK016_03a	Sediment
Brush Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK026_02 SK026_03	Sediment, temperature ¹
Grizzly Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK007_02 SK007_03 SK007_04	Sediment
Maybe Canyon Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK014_02	Sediment
Jones Creek	Headwaters to mouth	SK031_02	Nutrients

¹ All TMDLs approved in 2002 with the exception of the 2007 approved temperature TMDL for Brush Creek.