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David Mabe, Administrator
Water Quality Programs
Idaho Division of Environmental Quality
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Dear Mr. Mabe:

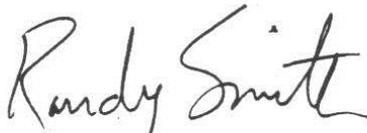
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the eight Lemhi River Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) submitted to us on January 10, 2000, for the following waterbodies and TMDL parameters:

Waterbody	Segment	TMDL Parameter
Lemhi River	confluence with Texas Creek to confluence with Salmon River	Bacteria
Bohannon Creek	BLM boundary to confluence with Lemhi River	Sediment
Eighteenmile Creek	headwaters to confluence with Lemhi River	Sediment
Geertson Creek	BLM boundary to confluence with Lemhi River	Sediment
Kirtley Creek	confluence of the east and north forks of Kirtley Creek to confluence with Lemhi River	Sediment
McDevitt Creek	BLM/State boundary to confluence with Lemhi River	Sediment
Sandy Creek	BLM boundary to confluence with Lemhi River	Sediment
Wimpey Creek	BLM boundary to confluence with Lemhi River	Sediment

We are impressed by the commitment and hard work shown by the Lemhi River Watershed Advisory Group (LBRWAG) and the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality in developing this TMDL. In particular, Thomas Herron and Chris Mebane of your staff should be commended for their efforts. We look forward to implementation of the TMDL, and continuing to work collaboratively on water quality issues in the Lemhi River watershed.

By EPA's approval, these TMDLs are 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 Jim Fitzgerald of my staff at (208) 378-5753.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randall F. Smith
Director
Office of Water

cc: Steve West, IDEQ
Robin Finch, LBRWAG