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Reply To
 Attn Of: ()W-134

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

Re: Approval of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) within the
 Clark Fork/Pend Oreille Subbasin

Dear Mr Mabe:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the following
 TMDLs within the Clark Fork/Pend Oreille Subbasin TMDL submitted to us on April 17, 1999,
 for the following parameters:

<u>Waterbody</u>	<u>Segment</u>	<u>TMDL Parameters</u>
North Fork Grouse Creek	Hydrologic Unit Code 17010213	sediment
Lower Pack River	Hydrologic Unit Code 17010213	sediment
Upper Cololla Creek	Hydrologic Unit Code 17010213	sediment
Lower Cololla Creek	Hydrologic Unit Code 17010213	sediment
Hoodoo Creek	Hydrologic Unit Code 17010213	sediment

We appreciate the effort of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality in developing
 this TMDL. We look forward to implementation of the TMDL, and continuing to work
 collaboratively on water quality issues in the Clark Fork/Pend Oreille Subbasin.

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 Curry Jones of my staff
 at (206) 553-6912.

Sincerely,

Randall F. Smith
 Director
 Office of Water

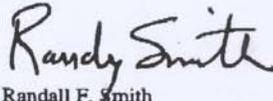
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This TMDL afforded a unique opportunity for EPA to work closely with the Tri-State Water Quality Council, IDEQ and Tetra Tech, Inc. to develop this TMDL. We especially commend Ruth Watkins for contributing her exceptional facilitation and management skills to assure the timeliness and success of this TMDL. In addition, Dave Stasney from your office was very helpful in assisting with technical expertise and ground truthing, making this a very defensible document.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with your staff and the Tri-State Water Quality Council. It is evident by the high quality work and exceptional outreach that has occurred in this watershed that improvements to water quality will continue.

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Sincerely,



Randall F. Smith
Director
Office of Water

Enclosure

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