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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
STATE WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

RE: Approval of Paradise Creek TMDL 2015 Bacteria Addendum (Hydrologic Unit Code 17060108)

Dear Mr. Burnell:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the Paradise Creek TMDL 2015 Bacteria Addendum (TMDL), as listed in the enclosed, for the Paradise Creek Subbasin, as submitted on November 23, 2015. This approval only includes those waters for which a TMDL was completed and does not constitute approval for de-listing of waters within Hydrologic Unit Code 17060108 from the Idaho 2012 §303(d) list. Any proposed de-listing of waters will be considered at the time of submission of the next §303(d) list of impaired waters.

The EPA appreciates the cooperation and work of the IDEQ Lewiston Regional Office on this TMDL, especially the coordination prior to the public comment period and the sharing of a pre-public comment draft with EPA staff. In particular, the EPA would like to recognize the effort put forth to complete this document by Sujata Connell of your staff.

The November 23, 2015, submittal also includes a reference to the 1997 Paradise Creek TMDL and the 1999 Paradise Creek TMDL Implementation Plan. These strategies were developed and submitted pursuant to the TMDL Settlement Agreement of July 2002. The EPA currently has no duty to approve or disapprove Implementation Strategies under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and therefore, the EPA is not taking action on them. However, we believe implementation is the critical next step for realizing improvements in water quality called for in the TMDL and encourage IDEQ to continue their work with Responsible Parties on implementation.

By EPA's approval, these TMDLs are 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)553-1855, or you may call Bill Stewart of my staff at (208)378-5753 in our Idaho Operations Office.

Sincerely,



Daniel D. Opalski, Director  
Office of Water and Watersheds

Enclosure

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Enclosure

**Table 1. Summary of assessment outcomes for §303(d)-listed assessment units.**

Water Body	Assessment Unit Number	Pollutant	TMDL(s) Completed	Recommended Changes to Next Integrated Report	Justification
<b>Paradise Creek Subbasin</b>					
Paradise Creek- urban boundary to Idaho/Washington boundary	ID17060108CL005_02	<i>E. coli</i>	Yes	No changes, currently in category 4a	updates from fecal coliform to <i>E. coli</i> standard
Paradise Creek- forest habitat boundary to urban boundary	ID17060108CL005_02a	<i>E. coli</i>	Yes	No changes, currently in category 4a	updates from fecal coliform to <i>E. coli</i> standard

