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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
STATE WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS

Re: North and Middle Fork Owyhee River Subbasin Assessment and  
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

Dear Mr. Mabe:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the North and Middle Fork Owyhee River TMDL submitted to us on January 3, 2000, for the following parameter:

<u>Waterbody</u>	<u>Segment</u>	<u>TMDL Parameter</u>
North and Middle Fork Owyhee River	Hydrologic Unit code 17050107	temperature

We appreciate the effort of the Idaho Division 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 North and Middle Fork Owyhee River.

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 Fletcher Shives of my staff at (206) 553-8512.

Sincerely,

Randall F. Smith  
Director  
Office of Water

cc: Steve West, IDEQ