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State Water Quality Division

Re: Approval of SF Clearwater Subbasin TMDLs (HUC 17060305)

Dear Chairman Johnson and Ms. Hardesty:

I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10, hereby approves the South Fork Clearwater Subbasin TMDLs for waters of the state of Idaho, as submitted on March 17, 2004, and received by EPA on April 2, 2004.

As explained in the enclosed co-issuance document, EPA is also issuing TMDLs for those waters in the South Fork Clearwater subbasin which are within Indian country.

This document establishes 84 TMDLs for sediment, temperature, nutrients, dissolved oxygen, and bacteria in 74 waterbodies listed in Enclosure 1. Amongst these are 58 segments which were not included in the Idaho 1998 303(d) list (denoted with an asterisk). Information which became available during the TMDL development process demonstrates that these non-listed waters are in fact water quality limited segments in need of a TMDL. The State need not include these waters in its next Section 303(d) list for the pollutants listed below now that a TMDL for them has been approved.

This approval only applies to waters for which a TMDL was completed and does not constitute approval for de-listing of waters within Hydrologic Unit Code 17060305 from the Idaho 1998 §303(d) list. Any proposed de-listing of waters will be considered at the time of submission of the next §303(d) list. The TMDL also includes a chapter addressing implementation strategies which the State and Tribe intend to use as a guide to develop specific implementation plans aimed at achieving the necessary reductions called for in the TMDL. EPA's approval action does not extend to the implementation strategies.

We appreciate the commitment and hard work shown by your staff in working through the many difficult issues in these TMDLs. We also want to recognize the significant contributions of the South Fork Clearwater Watershed Advisory Group, which persevered through the three year process and is now developing the TMDL implementation plan. Finally, we want to recognize the many other individuals and agencies who contributed to this TMDL, particularly Nick Gerhardt, USFS, who provided significant technical support.

By EPA's approval, the TMDLs for these waterbodies is now incorporated into the State's Water Quality Management Plan under §303(e) of the Clean Water Act. If you have comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-1261, or Leigh Woodruff at 208-378-5774.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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**Enclosure 1**

South Fork Clearwater River TMDL  
Waterbody Description

Assessment Unit	Water Body Description	TMDLs Completed <sup>a</sup>
ID17060305CL001_02	South Fork Clearwater R. – Butcher Cr. to mouth	Sed, Temp
ID17060305CL001_02T		
ID17060305CL001_05T		
ID17060305CL010_02	Threemile Cr. – source to mouth	Sed, Temp, Bac, DO, Nut
ID17060305CL010_02T		
ID17060305CL010_03T		
ID17060305CL011_02	Butcher Cr. - source to mouth	Sed, Temp
ID17060305CL011_02T		
ID17060305CL012_02		
ID17060305CL012_02a	South Fork Clearwater R. – Johns Cr. to Butcher Cr.	Sed, Temp
ID17060305CL012_05		
ID17060305CL012_05T		
ID17060305CL013_02	Mill Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL013_03		
ID17060305CL014_02		
ID17060305CL014_04	Johns Cr. - Gospel Cr. to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL015_02		
ID17060305CL015_03		
ID17060305CL015_03	Gospel Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*

Assessment Unit	Water Body Description	TMDLs Completed <sup>a</sup>
ID17060305CL016_02	West Fork Gospel Cr. – source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL017_02		
ID17060305CL017_03	Johns Cr. - Moores Cr. to Gospel Cr.	Temp*
ID17060305CL018_02		
ID17060305CL018_03	Johns Cr. - source to Moores Cr.	Temp*
ID17060305CL019_02		
ID17060305CL020_02	Square Mountain Cr. – source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL021_02		
ID17060305CL022_02	Hagen Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL022_02a		
ID17060305CL022_05	South Fork Clearwater R. – Tennile Cr. to Johns Cr.	Sed, Temp
ID17060305CL023_02		
ID17060305CL023_03	Wing Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL024_02		
ID17060305CL024_03	Twentymile Cr. – source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL025_02		
ID17060305CL025_04	Tennile Cr. - Sixmile Cr. to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL026_02		
ID17060305CL026_03	Tennile Cr. - Williams Cr. to Sixmile Cr.	Temp*
ID17060305CL027_02		
ID17060305CL028_02	Williams Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL029_02		
ID17060305CL029_03	Sixmile Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*

ID17060305CL030_02	South Fork Clearwater R. - Crooked R. to Tennile Cr.	Sed, Temp
ID17060305CL030_05		
ID17060305CL031_02	Crooked R. - Relief Cr. to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL031_03		
ID17060305CL032_02	Crooked R. - confluence of West and East Fork Crooked R. to Relief Cr.	Temp*
ID17060305CL032_03		
ID17060305CL033_02	West Fork Crooked R. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL034_02	East Fork Crooked R. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL035_02	Relief Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL036_02	South Fork Clearwater R. - confluence of American R. and Red R. to Crooked R.	Sed, Temp
ID17060305CL036_05		
ID17060305CL037_02	Red R. - Siegel Cr. To mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL037_04		
ID17060305CL038_02	Red R. - South Fork Red R. to Siegel Cr.	Temp*
ID17060305CL038_02a		
ID17060305CL038_04		
ID17060305CL039_02		
ID17060305CL039_03	Moose Butte Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL040_02		
ID17060305CL040_03	South Fork Red R. - Trapper Cr. to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL041_02		
ID17060305CL041_03	South Fork Red R. - West Fork Red R. to Trapper Cr.	Temp*

ID17060305CL042_02	West Fork Red R. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL042_03		
ID17060305CL043_02	South Fork Red R. - source to West Fork Red R. Trapper Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL044_02		
ID17060305CL045_02	Red R. - source to South Fork Red R.	Temp*
ID17060305CL045_03		
ID17060305CL046_02	Soda Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL047_02	Bridge Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL048_02	Otterson Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL049_02	Trail Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL050_02	Siegel Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL051_02	Red Horse Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL052_02	American R. - East Fork American R. to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL052_04		
ID17060305CL053_02	Kirks Fork - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL053_03		
ID17060305CL054_02	East Fork American R. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL054_03		
ID17060305CL055_02	American R. - source to East Fork American R.	Temp*
ID17060305CL055_03		
ID17060305CL056_02	Elk Cr. - confluence of Big Elk and Little Elk Cr. to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL056_03		
ID17060305CL057_02	Little Elk Cr. - source to mouth	Temp
ID17060305CL058_02	Big Elk Cr. - source to mouth	Temp
ID17060305CL058_03		

ID17060305CL059_02	Buffalo Gulch - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL060_02	Whiskey Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL061_02	Maurice Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL062_02	Newsome Cr. - Beaver Cr. to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL062_04		
ID17060305CL063_02	Bear Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL064_02	Nugget Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL065_02	Beaver Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL066_04	Newsome Cr. - Mule Cr. to Beaver Cr.	Temp*
ID17060305CL067_02		
ID17060305CL067_03	Mule Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL068_02	Newsome Cr. - source to Mule Cr.	Temp*
ID17060305CL068_03		
ID17060305CL069_02	Haysfork Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL070_02	Baldy Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL071_02	Pilot Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL071_03		
ID17060305CL072_02	Sawmill Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL073_02	Sing Lee Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL074_02	West Fork Newsome Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL074_02a		
ID17060305CL075_02	Leggett Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*
ID17060305CL076_02	Fall Cr. - source to mouth	Temp*