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November 14, 2016

The Honorable Paul Loomis
Mayor of City of Blackfoot
157 North Broadway
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221

RE: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Reaffirmation for the City of Blackfoot Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (WWG 363-2013-5)

Dear Mayor Loomis:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is hereby reaffirming the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination issued on September 4, 2014, for the City of Blackfoot Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project. The reaffirmation is based on the new project scope (Phase 2) which includes the construction of the Riverton Road sewer interceptor line, bypass line, and potable water line improvements. The original project scope consisted of improvements within the boundaries of the existing wastewater treatment plant.

The reaffirmation is issued following review of the following:

- *Environmental Information Document for City of Blackfoot, Idaho – Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements, July 2014*
- *City of Blackfoot Idaho Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan - Final, April 2014*
- An evaluation of the original and current scope of the project
- The physical environmental conditions of the proposed project area
- Effects to the environment from the proposed project
- The public views of the proposed project

This reaffirmation satisfies DEQ's environmental review requirements for the previous DEQ wastewater grant WWG 363-2013-5 and future wastewater loans, having been issued in accordance with the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) and "Rules for Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans" (IDAPA 58.01.12).

A legal notice for a FONSI reaffirmation determination is required to be published one time in the newspaper of record. DEQ will request the FONSI reaffirmation for the referenced project be published in the *Morning News*. DEQ will request the public notice be published in the *Morning News* on Friday, November 18.

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Refer any questions regarding the proposed project to Andrew Fellows, DEQ Pocatello Regional Office at (208) 239-5016 or any questions regarding the FONSI reaffirmation to Aimee Hill, DEQ State Office at (208) 373-0556 or via e-mail at aimee.hill@deq.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,



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Water Quality Division Administrator

Enclosure: Legal notice

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LEGAL NOTICE OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT REAFFIRMATION FOR
THE CITY OF BLACKFOOT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS
BLACKFOOT, IDAHO

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Copies of the information upon which the FONSI reaffirmation is based are available for public review on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-assessment.aspx> or at the following location:

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