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Re: Corrections on July 3, 2012 Approval of the South Fork Salmon River Temperature Addendum TMDLs

Dear Mr. Burnell:

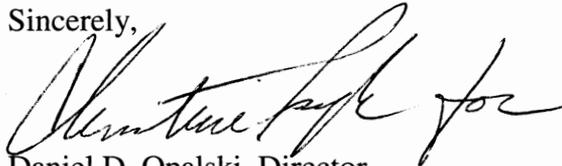
This letter corrects EPA's approval letter of July 3, 2012. As requested via email by Marti Bridges of your office on September 10, 2012, we are removing our approval of Trail Creek temperature TMDL (Assessment Unit: ID17060208SL017_02) and approving Warm Lake Creek temperature TMDL (Assessment Unit: ID17060208SL019_02). Below is the corrected version of Table 2: EPA Approved TMDLs on Unlisted but Impaired Waters.

Table 2: EPA-Approved TMDLs on Unlisted but Impaired Waters

Name of Creek/Water Segment	Assessment Unit #	Pollutant
Buckhorn Creek	ID17060208SL012_02 ID17060208SL012_03 ID17060208SL012_04 ID17060208SL012_05	Temperature
Dollar Creek	ID17060208SL015_02 ID17060208SL015_03	Temperature
Elk Creek	ID17060208SL034_02 ID17060208SL034_03 ID17060208SL034_04	Temperature
Grouse Creek	ID17060208SL005_03	Temperature
Johnson Creek	ID17060208SL025_03	Temperature
Lick Creek	ID17060208SL009_02 ID17060208SL009_03	Temperature
Profile Creek	ID17060208SL031_02 ID17060208SL031_03	Temperature
Rice Creek	ID17060208SL018_02	Temperature
South Fork Salmon River/Tyndall Creek	ID17060208SL010_02	Temperature
South Fork Salmon River	ID17060208SL010_03 ID17060208SL010_04 ID17060208SL010_05 ID17060208SL001_06	Temperature
Warm Lake Creek	ID17060208SL019_03 ID17060208SL020_02 ID17060208SL019_02	Temperature

Enclosed is a copy of the EPA's original approval letter of July 3, 2012. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-1855, or you may call Martha Turvey of my staff at 206-553-1354.

Sincerely,



Daniel D. Opalski, Director
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Enclosure (July 3, 2012 TMDL approval letter)

cc: Mr. Doug Conde, Attorney General, Idaho
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Ms. Marti Bridges, TMDL Program Manager, IDEQ
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Re: Corrected Approval of the South Fork Salmon River Temperature Addendum TMDLs

Dear Mr. Burnell:

This approval corrects and replaces EPA's approval letter of June 27, 2012. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) submitted the South Fork Salmon Temperature Addendum Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on January 26, 2012, and a revised TMDL was submitted on March 12, 2012. Following our review, the EPA is pleased to approve 27 TMDLs for the waters and pollutant listed in the tables below. These waters were included in Idaho's 2010 303(d) list (List) of impaired waters, as identified in Table 1.

Table 1: EPA Approved TMDLs on Listed Impaired Waters

Name of Creek/Water Segment	Assessment Unit	Impairment	Year Most Recently Listed
Grouse Creek	ID17060208SL005_02	Temperature	2010
Johnson Creek/Sand Creek/Trout Creek	ID17060208SL025_02	Combined biota/habitat bioassessments	2010
Johnson Creek	ID17060208SL025_04	Temperature	2010

TMDLs were also completed for waterbodies which were not meeting water quality standards for temperature, but had not previously been included on Idaho's 303(d) List (List) for temperature. The EPA understands that these waters would have been included on the List had the State been aware of the exceedances at the time the List was completed.

Table 2: EPA-Approved TMDLs on Unlisted but Impaired Waters

Name of Creek/Water Segment	Assessment Unit #	Pollutant
Buckhorn Creek	ID17060208SL012_02 ID17060208SL012_03 ID17060208SL012_04 ID17060208SL012_05	Temperature
Dollar Creek	ID17060208SL015_02 ID17060208SL015_03	Temperature
Elk Creek	ID17060208SL034_02 ID17060208SL034_03 ID17060208SL034_04	Temperature

Grouse Creek	ID17060208SL005_03	Temperature
Trail Creek	ID17060208SL017_02	Temperature
Johnson Creek	ID17060208SL025_03	Temperature
Lick Creek	ID17060208SL009_02 ID17060208SL009_03	Temperature
Profile Creek	ID17060208SL031_02 ID17060208SL031_03	Temperature
Rice Creek	ID17060208SL018_02	Temperature
South Fork Salmon River/Tyndall Creek	ID17060208SL010_02	Temperature
South Fork Salmon River	ID17060208SL010_03 ID17060208SL010_04 ID17060208SL010_05 ID17060208SL001_06	Temperature
Warm Creek	ID17060208SL019_03 ID17060208SL020_02	Temperature

Our review indicates that these allocations have been established at a level that, when fully implemented, will lead to the attainment of the water quality standards addressed by this TMDL. Therefore the IDEQ does not need to include these waters on the next 303(d) list of impaired waters for the pollutant covered by this TMDL.

The EPA has also reviewed the revisions of the sediment targets approved in the 1991 South Fork Salmon River sediment TMDL, which were originally approved by EPA on January 31, 1992. After a thorough review of the supporting documentation, the EPA agrees that the revised targets are more reflective of natural conditions and therefore the EPA approves the changes in sediment targets for the Assessment Units shown in the table below.

Applicable SFSR TMDLs and Sediment Monitoring Targets

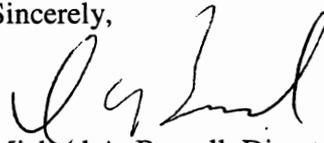
Waterbody	Pollutant	Sediment Monitoring Targets	
ID17060208SL001_06 ID17060208SL010_03 ID17060208SL010_04 ID17060208SL010_05	Sediment Sediment Sediment Sediment	Interstitial Sediment Deposition (tributary SFSR target)	Any single mean free matrix count over 27% OR A five year Mean free matrix count of 17% or more.
		Intragravel Quality (mainstem SFSR target)	5-year mean fines < 6.3 mm concentrations at depth of 28% or less with no more than two years between 28% and 36%

This submittal also includes implementation strategies for the TMDLs. IDEQ developed and submitted these strategies pursuant to the TMDL Settlement Agreement of July 2002. The EPA has no duty to approve or disapprove implementation strategies under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA); therefore, the EPA is not taking action on these strategies. Implementation is the critical next step to realize improvements in water quality, and we encourage IDEQ to continue their work with responsible parties on implementation of these strategies.

We would like to recognize the cooperation and thoroughness of Leslie Freeman in bringing these TMDLs to completion.

By the EPA's approval, these TMDLs are now incorporated into the State's Water Quality Management Plan under §303(e) of the CWA. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 553-4198, or you may call Martha Turvey of my staff at (206) 553-1354.

Sincerely,



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