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Re: Approval of the Big Wood River Tributaries Temperature TMDLs (HUC: ID17040219) Addendum.

Dear Mr. Burnell:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) submitted the Big Wood River Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) - Addendum, for temperature to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on October 22, 2013. Following our review, the EPA is pleased to approve two TMDLs for the waters and pollutants listed in the tables below.

Table 1: EPA-Approved TMDLs on Impaired Waters

Name of Creek/Water Segment	Assessment Unit #	Pollutant
Quigley Creek	ID17040219SK008_02	Temperature
Rock Creek	ID17040219SK028_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 these TMDLs. Therefore, the IDEQ does not need to include these waters on the next 303(d) list of impaired waters for the pollutant(s) covered by these TMDLs.

This submittal also includes implementation strategies for the TMDLs. The 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 Ms. Sue Switzer's hard work and cooperation 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) 553-1855, or you may call Martha Turvey, of my staff, at (206) 553-1354.

Sincerely,

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