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C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor
Curt Fransen, Director

December 6, 2013

Dennis McLerran
Regional Administrator
EPA Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
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Dear Mr. McLerran:

On behalf of the Governor of the State of Idaho, and as Director of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), I am submitting Idaho's recommendations for area designations related to the December 14, 2012 revised Particulate Matter of 2.5 microns ($PM_{2.5}$) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) strengthened the annual health-based $PM_{2.5}$ NAAQS by lowering the annual mean, averaged over 3-years, from $15\mu g/m^3$ to $12\mu g/m^3$. According to the January 15, 2013 Federal Register (78 FR 3086), attainment designations should be based on air quality data from the years 2010 to 2012.

The table below shows the three year average design values based on monitoring data with and without several days' data, flagged as "exceptional events" (EE) for Salmon and Pinehurst caused by 2012 wildfires. On December 6, 2013 DEQ submitted documentation for those exceptional events and requested EPA's concurrence on removing them from Idaho's design value calculation. Based on that concurrence, Idaho's two highest annual average $PM_{2.5}$ design values are $11.6\mu g/m^3$ in Salmon and $12.0\mu g/m^3$ in Pinehurst.

2010-2012 Design Values – $\mu g/m^3$		
Location	Including EE's	Excluding EE's
Salmon	14.5	11.6
Pinehurst	12.1	12.0
Boise	6.7	-
Nampa	8.4	-
St. Maries	8.9	-
Franklin	10.3	-

On behalf of the Governor of the State of Idaho, C.L. "Butch" Otter, I recommend the entire State of Idaho, and all of Idaho's Air Quality Control Regions (AQCRs 61, 62, 63 and 64), be designated as attainment/unclassifiable for the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

If there are any further questions, please coordinate through Tiffany Floyd, Air Quality Division Administrator at (208) 373-0552.

Sincerely,



Curt Fransen
Director

c: C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of Idaho
Tiffany Floyd, Air Quality Division Administrator