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Mr. Curt Fransen, Director  
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Dear Mr. Fransen:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) determination of the adequacy for transportation conformity purposes of the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) in the *Northern Ada County PM10 State Implementation Plan, Maintenance Plan: Ten-Year Update* (Maintenance Plan Update) for the PM<sub>10</sub> national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). As a result of our adequacy finding, the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho, the Idaho Transportation Department and the U.S. Department of Transportation must use these budgets in future conformity analyses.

The Maintenance Plan Update was submitted to the EPA on March 11, 2013, and a clarification to the MVEB was submitted on April 16, 2013. We announced receipt of the Maintenance Plan Update on the Internet and requested public comment by no later than May 15, 2013. We received no comments during the comment period. The EPA also reviewed the State's response to comments received during the state comment process. One commenter requested an explanation of the differences in the State's current and previous PM<sub>10</sub> emission budgets, and a justification for the State's reliance on an emission factor that differed from the factor previously relied-upon in the State's emission budget. The EPA finds that the State addressed the discrepancy identified by the commenter and adequately explained the derivation of the State's current PM<sub>10</sub> emission budget.

The Maintenance Plan Update identifies MVEBs for PM<sub>10</sub>, nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), and volatile organic compounds (VOC) for 2008, 2015, and 2023. This letter transmits our decision that the MVEBs are adequate for transportation conformity decisions. The adequate budgets are listed in the following table.

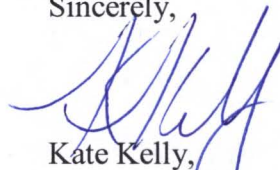
MVEB for Northern Ada County PM <sub>10</sub> Maintenance Area (tons per day)			
Budget Year	PM10	NO <sub>x</sub>	VOC
2008	31.0	29.5	12.6
2015	42.9	29.5	12.6
2023	60.1	34.2	17.2

In reaching this decision, we have reviewed the Maintenance Plan Update, including responses to public comments on the plan, and have determined that the related MVEBs, when considered with all other emissions sources in the Northern Ada County area, are consistent with applicable

requirements for maintenance of the PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS through the year 2023. The budgets also meet the other adequacy criteria found in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4) as detailed in the enclosure. A copy of this letter and its enclosure will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>.

The EPA intends to publish a notice of this adequacy determination in the *Federal Register* and the determination will become effective 15 days after the *Federal Register* publication. If you have any questions, please contact Claudia Vaupel of my staff at (206) 553-6121.

Sincerely,



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