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Dennis McLerran  
Regional Administrator  
EPA Region 10  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900  
Seattle, WA 98101

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 October 26, 2015 revised eight-hour ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) strengthened the primary and secondary O<sub>3</sub> NAAQS by lowering the daily maximum 8-hour concentration, averaged over three years, from 0.075 parts per million (ppm) to 0.070 ppm. According to the October 26, 2015 Federal Register (80 FR 65291), attainment designations should be based on the most recent complete three consecutive calendar years of quality-assured, certified air quality data.

As described in Table 1, three complete years of Federal Reference Method (FRM) O<sub>3</sub> monitoring data from 2013 through 2015 have been evaluated for three monitors in the state of Idaho. DEQ operates the first two in the Treasure Valley (Boise City-Nampa metropolitan statistical area (MSA)). The third monitor is located at Craters of the Moon National Monument and operated by the National Park Service. The highest three-year average design value is 0.067 ppm which indicates attainment of the eight-hour ozone NAAQS.

**Table 1. 2013–2015 O<sub>3</sub> Design Values**

Site	County/ AQS ID	4th-Highest Daily Maximum 8-hour Average (ppm)			3-year Design Value (ppm)
		2013	2014	2015	
Boise–White Pine	Ada/160010017	0.074	0.065	0.064	0.067
Meridian–St. Luke's	Ada/160010010	0.062	0.062	0.066	0.063
Craters of the Moon National Monument	Butte/160120101	0.060	0.062	0.061	0.061

On behalf of the Governor of the State of Idaho, C.L. "Butch" Otter, I recommend the attainment designation for Ada, Butte, and Canyon Counties. The rest of the state should be designated as unclassifiable for the 8-hour O<sub>3</sub> NAAQS since no monitoring is taking place.

If there are any further questions, please coordinate through Tiffany Floyd, Air Quality Division Administrator at [tiffany.floyd@deq.idaho.gov](mailto:tiffany.floyd@deq.idaho.gov) or (208) 373-0552.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John H. Tippetts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John H. Tippetts  
Director

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