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On behalf of Respondents

Re: Approval Letter for Revised Draft 2021 Stormwater Evaluation and Maintenance Report (dated October 13, 2022)

Dear Abby:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is approving the *Revised Draft 2021 Stormwater Evaluation and Maintenance Report (dated October 13, 2022)* with the following comments. Please consider comments when preparing future reports, along when developing corrective action plans for the Little Minah and Kelly channels.

2020 Stormwater Specific Comment Response Comments

- *Response 2a*, text states that: “Noted. BSB staff is using the most current ESRI spatial photography provided by United States Department of Agriculture. In this particular instance, given the scale of the map it is impossible to eliminate pixelation. We will attempt to keep this in mind when rendering maps.”
 - a. Noted. How are the maps being printed from ESRI? From prior experience, here are a couple of ideas to try when printing: the Output Image Quality (Resample Ratio) can be turned up in the ESRI Print window to increase PDF resolution. And, when viewing in the PDF editor, the maps should be exported as an image format (e.g., JPEG, PNG, TIFF) instead of capturing a screenshot of the image. If not possible, is there a way that labels can be added to the map after the fact (e.g., in a PDF editor)? The maps would greatly benefit from readable labels.

Specific Comments

- *Response 1 and 2* - Please keep the EPA informed of any findings/decisions following the evaluations of the Little Minah and Kelly channels. These two sites should be discussed with the Source Area Work Group.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (406) 457-5019.

Sincerely,

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