

May 10, 2018

Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ)
Attn: Ronald Steg
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Re: Comments on Draft 2018 Integrated 305(b)/303(d) Report

Mr. Steg,

On behalf of the Crook County Natural Resource District (CCNRD), thank-you for the opportunity to comment on the 2018 Integrated 305(b)/303(d) Report for Wyoming. Our suggestions are limited to the Belle Fourche River Watershed (BFRW) and Donkey Creek subwatershed (pages 23-27 of the report). Overall, we found these sections of the report to be accurate and we appreciate the WDEQ's recognition of the monitoring, outreach and project implementation efforts of the CCNRD. Our comments are as follows:

Page 23: For the BFR Basin background, the summary of activities ends at the 2009-2010 timeframe. It is suggested that the paragraph that discusses the TMDLs on the South Dakota side be shortened and more information be provided on the efforts of the WDEQ and CCNRD from 2010-2013, the timeframe in which TMDLs for the BFRW were drafted and approved by the WDEQ and USEPA.

Page 24: At the end of the first sentence, we suggest replacing "animal feeding operation" with "range and water improvement" as it is a more accurate reflection of what projects have been implemented.

- For the section on Donkey Creek and Stonepile Creek:

According to the *BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED TMDLS FOR PATHOGENS, AMMONIA, AND CHLORIDE, Final (August 23, 2013)*, there is an 8.4-mile segment of Stonepile Creek that is impaired from the confluence with Donkey Cr. to Hwys 14/16 and 59, not 7.6 miles as is currently listed in the Integrated Report. To avoid confusion, we request that data such as this be cross-checked with finalized TMDL documents and/or the data source(s) be cited.

-Lastly, we suggest removing the last sentence of the 2nd paragraph under the Donkey Cr/Stonepile Cr. section as a definitive link has not been confirmed by the WDEQ.

We do not have any comments for the Little Missouri River Watershed at this time as not assessments were conducted.

Again, thank-you for the opportunity to provide comments. If you would like to discuss any of the comments provided, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at chmcintyre.ccnrd@gmail.com or by phone at 307.548.2112.

Kind Regards,
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