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December 1, 2003

Ms. Cheryl Crisler
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency, Region VII
901 North Fifth Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

Re: TMDL for Kelley Branch and Rocky Fork

Dear Ms. Crisler:

Enclosed please find a copy of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) study for Kelley Branch and Rocky Fork in Boone County, Missouri. We have received and reviewed your comments on the draft TMDL document and have edited it in response to those comments. The TMDL was placed on public notice from August 15 to September 14, 2003. Public comments were received and reviewed, and the document was adjusted where appropriate. All public comments received and Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (MoDNR) response letters are on file with MoDNR. We now submit this document as a final TMDL for review and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 303(d)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act.

The Kelley Branch and Rocky Fork TMDL was developed by the MoDNR, Water Pollution Control Program, to address the habitat loss (Kelley Branch) and sediment (Rocky Fork) impairment of this water, as identified on the 1998 section 303(d) list. This impairment has been determined to come from off-road vehicle usage from the Finger Lakes State Park. The TMDL will be implemented by scheduled best management practices (BMPs) already being implemented by the park and by other BMPs as needed.



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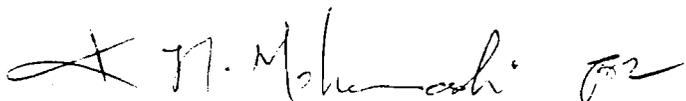


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If you have any questions, please contact Becky Shannon at (573) 751-7428 or by mail at Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Pollution Control Program, P. O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176.

Sincerely,

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Hull", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Hull
Director

JH:gwd

Enclosure

c: William Bryan, AGO