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Ms. Gwen T. Davis, Tribal Chairperson
Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation
427 North Main, Suite #101
Pocatello, Idaho 83204

Dear Chairperson Davis:

Thank you for your recent letter, which we received on May 19, 2003, providing the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation's recommendation on the air quality designation for the national health based standard for ground-level ozone, a major constituent of smog. Your letter is an important step toward providing tribal members with information about air quality in their community. We intend to carefully review your recommendation and work with you and the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation's environmental program staff as necessary in determining a final designation.

We look forward to working with you throughout this 8-hour ozone designation process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Richard Long, Director of our Air and Radiation Program, at (303) 312-6005. You or your staff may also contact Tim Russ, at (303) 312-6479, or Monica Morales, at (303) 312-6936, Air and Radiation Program staff, with any questions. For your convenience you may contact my staff toll-free at 1-800-227-8917.

Sincerely,

Patricia D. Hull

Robert E. Roberts
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Kenneth Timbana (Environmental Protection Specialist, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation)
Jason Walker (Air Quality Specialist, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation)

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