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February 23, 2017

Michelle Walker
Chief – Regulatory Branch
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P.O. Box 3755
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RE: Kalispel 401 Certification of Nationwide Permits

Dear Ms. Walker,

The Kalispel Tribe has carefully considered the request for Kalispel 401 certification of the Nationwide Permits referenced in the Federal Register published January 6, 2017. The Tribe wishes to retain the right for individual project 401 certification of all such projects within, or impacting Kalispel waters. Therefore, the Tribe respectfully denies without prejudice the request for Kalispel 401 certification of all permits listed in the above Federal Register publication or any other subsequent modifications to those proposed permits.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the issue further, please contact Ken Merrill, our Water Resources Program Manager at 509-447-7276

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deane Osterman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "O".

Deane Osterman
Executive Director
Kalispel Natural Resources

cc: via email

Karen Urelus, Project Manager, USACE
Joe Maroney, Kalispel Natural Resources Department