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Re: Review and Acceptance of the 2018-2020 TMDL Riparian Assessment

Dear Daniel Redick,

Thank you for submitting the Benton County 2018-2020 Riparian Assessment. The Department has reviewed your report and finds that it is in compliance with the reporting requirement.

Based on the statistical analysis and report, riparian cover within the county's study area was not reduced during the assessment period. While no decrease in riparian vegetation was determined, there was also no documented increase in riparian cover. DEQ's shade assessment for the Upper Willamette (2018) concluded that a shade gap of 29 percent remains at the county-wide scale. DEQ encourages the county to continue to find ways to initiate and support active riparian restoration in order to help close this shade gap.

I would like to reaffirm that I am available as a resource to assist you as you move forward with TMDL implementation. Please feel free to contact me at (541) 687-7347 for assistance.

Best regards,

Priscilla Woolverton
Willamette Basin Coordinator

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