



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **Comment period open for BNSF Railway Co. permit application**

(SANDPOINT) – The Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) is seeking public comments on a permit application received from BNSF Railway Co. to construct a second train bridge adjacent to and west of the existing train bridge across Lake Pend Oreille and Sand Creek.

The application is available online at this link: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/lakes-rivers/lake-protection/index.html>

The public comment period is open through March 30, 2018. Comments can be e-mailed to [comments@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:comments@idl.idaho.gov) or submitted through the IDL web site at this link: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/comment.html>

By law, IDL can only accept comments from agencies, adjacent owners or lessees, or any resident of the State of Idaho.

The IDL administers the Idaho Lake Protection Act and regulates encroachments and activities on, in, or above the navigable lakes in the State of Idaho, including Lake Pend Oreille. Encroachments are anything permanently fixed to the lakebed or natural features of the lakebed.

BNSF Railway Co. must obtain a permit from IDL under the Idaho Lake Protection Act and corresponding administrative rules before project construction.

The IDL will hold a public hearing in Sandpoint on a date to be determined. Details about the public hearing will be made available on the IDL web site. Public comments also will be accepted from agencies, adjacent owners or lessees, or any resident of the State of Idaho at the public hearing.

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