



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Public hearing date set for BNSF Railway Co. permit application

(SANDPOINT) – The Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) set a date for the public hearings on the 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.

Public hearing dates, times and locations are as follows:

- Wednesday, May 23, 2018
First session: 8:00 AM Pacific - Ponderay Events Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Suite E, Ponderay ID
Second session: 6:00 PM Pacific - Sandpoint Middle School Gymnasium, 310 S. Division, Sandpoint ID

The IDL extended the public comment period to May 23. By law, IDL is required to accept public comments for 30 days, but the comment period will be open for close to 90 days to give the public, agencies, and neighboring landowners more time to evaluate the application and submit comments.

The IDL will accept all public comments on the application. Comments can be e-mailed to comments@idl.idaho.gov or submitted through the IDL web site at this link: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/comment.html>

The application, public comments received, and other information are available for viewing on the IDL web site at this link: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/lakes-rivers/lake-protection/index.html>

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

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