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To Idaho Department of Lands,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed dock expansion into the lagoon of the Sourdough Point Community.

As someone who has spent years in this community and frequently uses this area, I have seen how loved and heavily used the lagoon already is throughout the season. My children spend their summers jumping off the bridge, pedal boating through the lagoon, and paddle boarding around the island and back into the safety of this small area.

While there are certainly major concerns about reduced safety for swimmers and other small crafts using the lagoon, my greatest concern is what this expansion would take away from the area itself.

The lagoon is one of the most peaceful and beautiful parts of the community. People are drawn to it because it feels quiet, open, and natural. Families spend time there swimming, paddling, floating, and simply enjoying the scenery. It is one of those rare places that still feels somewhat calm even during the busy part of summer.

While the last dock expansion certainly reduced some of that, expanding the dock even further into the lagoon would change that character even more. What is currently a scenic, open waterway would become more obstructed and over developed - more like a marina than the peaceful, natural lagoon it is.

The beauty of the lagoon comes from the feeling of natural simplicity. Once that is lost, it cannot easily be restored.

This area is valuable because of the experience it provides to everyone who uses it. It is part of what makes this community so special. Preserving the lagoon as it is now protects not only its beauty, but also the quiet enjoyment and sense of place that so many people value.

I respectfully urge the Idaho Department of Lands to deny any proposal that would expand the dock further into the lagoon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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