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To the Stewards of Our Lands and Waters,
Re: Permit for Dock at Wolf Lodge Bay

I know this letter will be like so many others, since it shows how strongly our community feels about our natural resources. The area around that bay has come to symbolize some of the best parts of our county. When you drive into that area on I-90 from the East, the view of the lake and surrounding hills is breath taking. Please don't allow that to change. And change it would if docks, work boats, barges, and machinery litter that vibrant bay. Once commercialized, it will never be beautiful again.

Wolf Lodge Bay is a wildlife haven. There are fish, especially salmon that need that area. The shallow edges of the bay

have the gravel that is needed for successful spawning of kokanee. We have seen them spawn there. Bird species abound there also. Every November and December, a spectacular event occurs - the gathering of the Bald Eagles to feed on the spawned out kokanee. This is the ONLY place in the lower 48 states where people can view this activity as up close and personal. Please don't allow this to change. And change it would, even though the developer and other groups insist it won't. We all know how that goes. Wildlife is too sensitive to disturbances and activity in their whole area to remain there.

The road situation is quite scary. How the Dept. of Transportation could allow or authorize this is beyond comprehension. The road is narrow, on a curve, and has much traffic. The truck drivers are supposed to always exit right from the dock and turn around at the boat launch to head back to I-90. After a short time,

short cuts will start to occur and the truck drivers will take chances. How many lives will be lost in those accidents. Please be the sensible agency and do not allow this insanity.

We all know growth is inevitable, but growth should be managed responsibly. There are some places that should be left alone and this is one place that should not have a 150 ft dock and increased traffic, dangerous situations, causing loss of wildlife habitat and a scenic eyesore for visitors, recreationists and residents alike.

Right now, we have a little bit of heaven on earth here in Kootenai Co. and Wolf Lodge Bay is one of those special places. Please don't allow this to be ruined forever. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

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