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Scenic Byway and Camp Coeur d'Alene

Before I begin the main part of my talk I want to ask you a question. How much would you give to go to bed every summer night looking out a window watching the sun go down over a beautiful lake? (Pg 3) Well I have the blessing of seeing this magnificent sight every night, and I personally know how amazing it is. However I am not the only person that sees this sight each evening. Thousands of cars drive by my house every day heading West on I-90 ~~who see~~ and they to this very same sight. Now let's move forward a year and add one more equation to this magnificent image: a 170 foot pier and dock (pg 12) jutting out from the shore with barges and cranes lining the sides. These barges are piled with logs and are puffing black smoke that clouds the sky. In front of this pier are dismantled docks sitting there waiting to be repaired the next day. Not only is this new equation a sight for soar eyes but it also directs tired eyes away from the beautiful sunset, and towards this industrial business that these drivers see every day in the city.

Out of the nine scenic highways in North Idaho, Hwy 97 has earned the title as "one of the most famous summer playgrounds" (https://visitidaho.org/content/uploads/2018/02/Idaho-Scenic-Byways-Brochure.pdf). This title has brought in thousands of tourists not only traveling around Wolf Lodge Bay on to Hwy 97, but also traveling past Wolf Lodge Bay into Coeur d'Alene. In Coeur d'Alene tourists have the amazing option of going on a boat back to Wolf Lodge Bay were they can see eagles, osprey, red tail hawks, heron, and even, if they came this last spring, pelicans. Now we all know that first impressions count, and if people's first impression traveling past or into Coeur d'Alene is that CDA is a town that allows beauty to be overrun with large, loud boats than we will slowly lose our attraction and the money that comes from that attraction. This business will be placed at the very gateway of hwy 97 (pg 9), and it

should not be the first sight people see when entering this beautiful route. Not only will Condon's business plan harm Coeur d'Alene's economy ~~itself,~~ but also the three camp grounds scattered around Wolf Lodge Bay.

(pg 13) Wolf Lodge Bay Campground, Beauty Bay Campground, and Camp Coeur d'Alene will all be harmed by this business. However, the last campground, Camp Coeur d'Alene, which is a privately owned, beautiful campground, will be hurt the most. This campground is directly to the east of where Condon plans to build and its main attraction is the beauty. If you go to Camp Coeur d'Alene's website you will see that several of its pictures are of Wolf Lodge Bay. In fact the first picture you see on the website is a picture directly over looking where Condon plans to build, and on top of the picture it says, (pg 4) "Welcome… to this. On Lake Coeur d'Alene scenic byway". As a camper myself I know that when I go camping I want to see the beauty of the world and not an industrial business that I could see every day in any major city. Placing North Idaho Maritime in this location will ~~run~~ greatly harm many businesses ~~into the ground~~ with the only goal of growing their businesses.

Hwy 97 is known for its beauty, peace, and quite and I do not want it any other way. A year from now this beauty should not be ruined with any new equations but should be kept as it is. Thank you.

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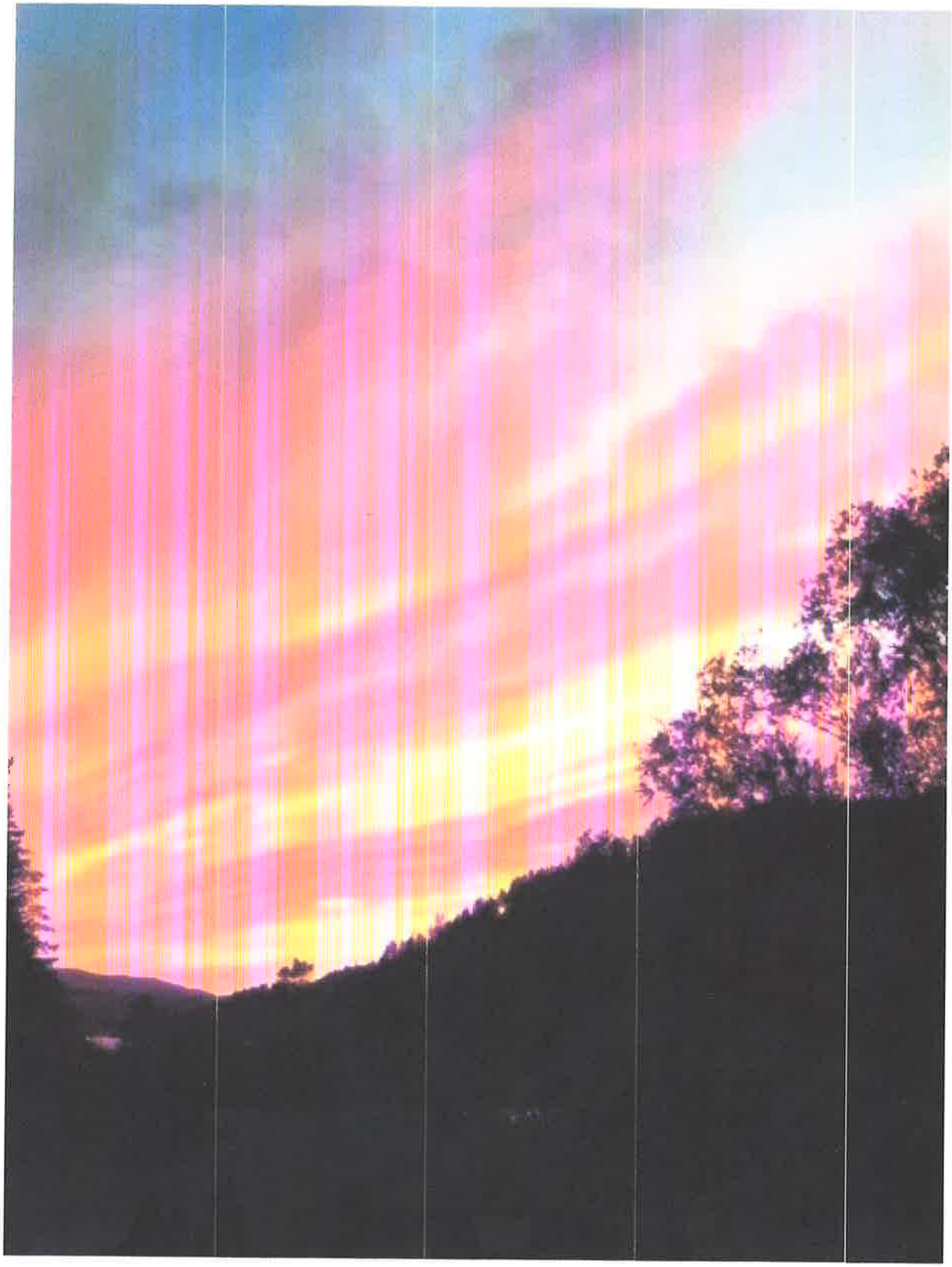

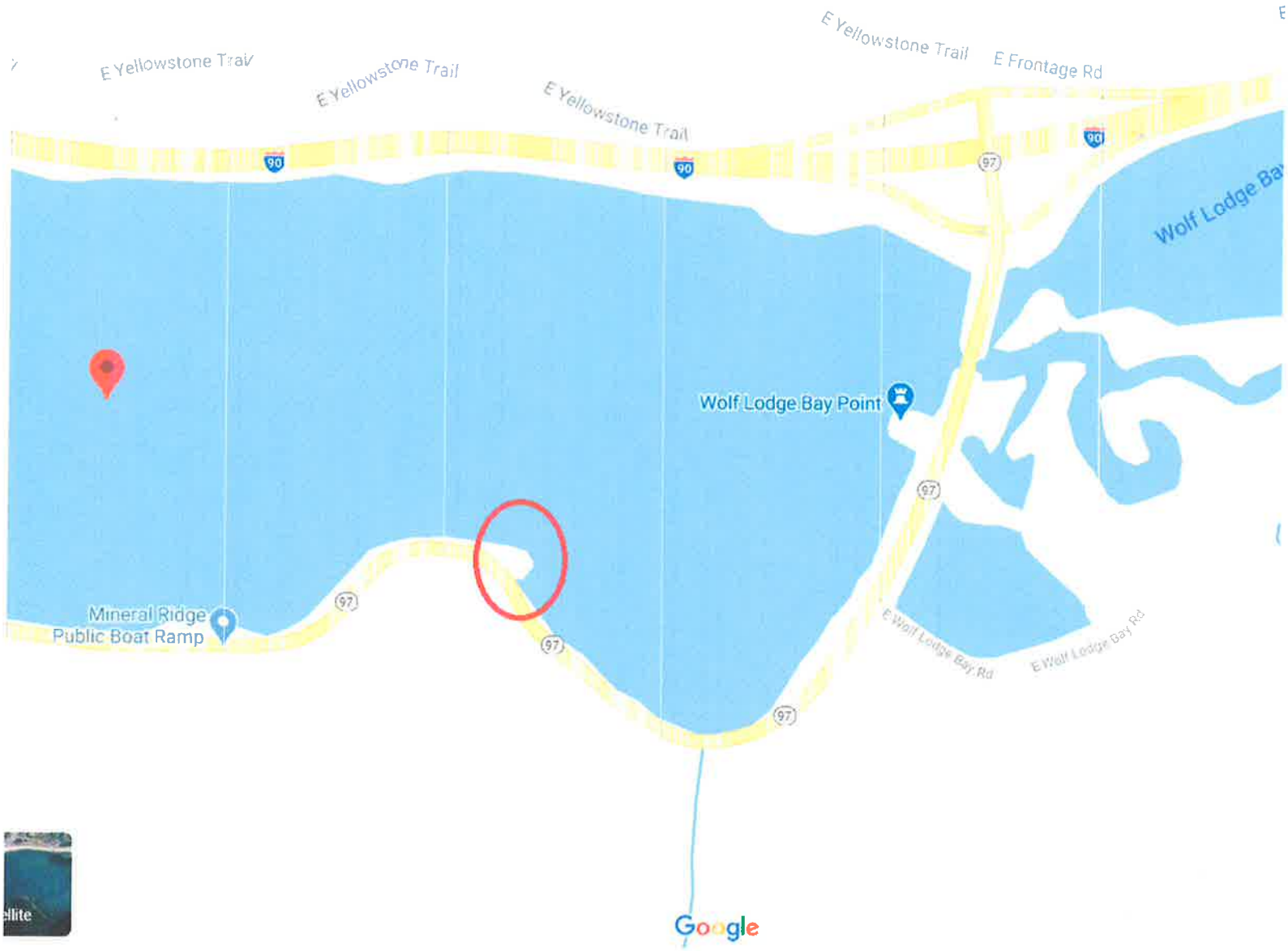
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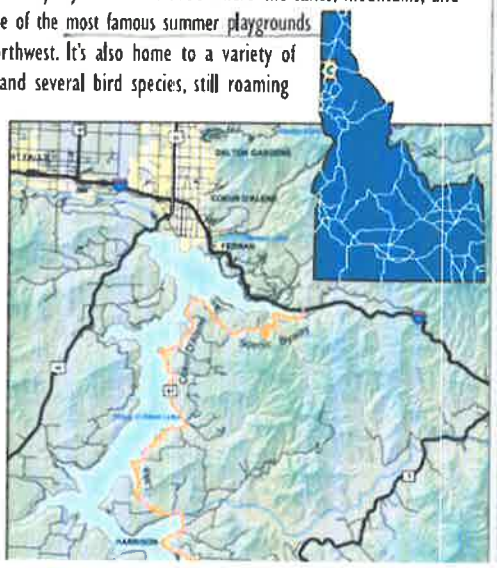
LAKE COEUR D'ALENE SCENIC BYWAY

Lake Coeur d'Alene Scenic Byway

The Lake Coeur d'Alene (cör-da-lane) Scenic Byway travels an area where the lakes, mountains, and beautiful summer weather have made it one of the most famous summer playgrounds and resort destinations in the Pacific Northwest. It's also home to a variety of wildlife, including moose, deer, elk, bear and several bird species, still roaming the pristine forests of northern Idaho.



Beginning at the junction of Interstate 90 and Idaho 97, the route travels south along the eastern shoreline of Lake Coeur d'Alene, home to bald eagles and the largest population of nesting osprey in the Western states. Take a break and stretch your legs on the Mineral Ridge Trail, which offers panoramic views of the lake, as well as several learning stations describing the area's botany and animal life.

The route continues through gentle hills and dense forests to the charming

Location - Begins at the junction of Interstate 90 and Idaho 97 and follows Idaho 97 south and east along Lake Coeur d'Alene to Idaho 3.

Length - 35.8 miles. Allow 1.5 hours.

Roadway - Idaho 97 is a two-lane, paved winding road with few passing lanes.

When to see it - Throughout the year. Eagle watching is great in December and January between Wolf Lodge Bay and Beauty Bay.

Special attractions - Lake Coeur d'Alene; Mineral Ridge Trail at Beauty Bay; Historic Harrison; Thompson Lake Wildlife Refuge; Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes.

Camping - Beauty Creek east of Beauty Bay, Bell Bay near Harrison, city of Harrison.

Services - Partial services in Carlin Bay, Squaw Bay, and Harrison. Full Services in Coeur d'Alene.

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Lake Coeur d'Alene Scenic Byway

6 Springston

Springston began as a hardworking lumber town when the first sawmill opened in 1901 providing timber for the mining industry. The town grew with the arrival of the Union Pacific Railroad. The mill served the region's lumber needs until it closed in 1963. Today, the former Springston town site is a trailhead for the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes.

5 Thompson Lake Wildlife Refuge

Thompson Lake Wildlife Refuge operated by Idaho Department of Fish and Game is a wetland area that is home to the largest population of nesting osprey in the western states. A seven mile loop road encircles the refuge where a wildlife interpretive site includes a bird blind for wildlife viewing and photography.

4 Beauty Bay Recreation Area

Beauty Bay Recreation Area is a premiere location for "mountain top" photography of Lake Coeur d'Alene's Beauty Bay and Blue Bay. The day use site offers picnicking, bird watching, and has a handicap accessible paved trail to an observation platform.

7 Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes

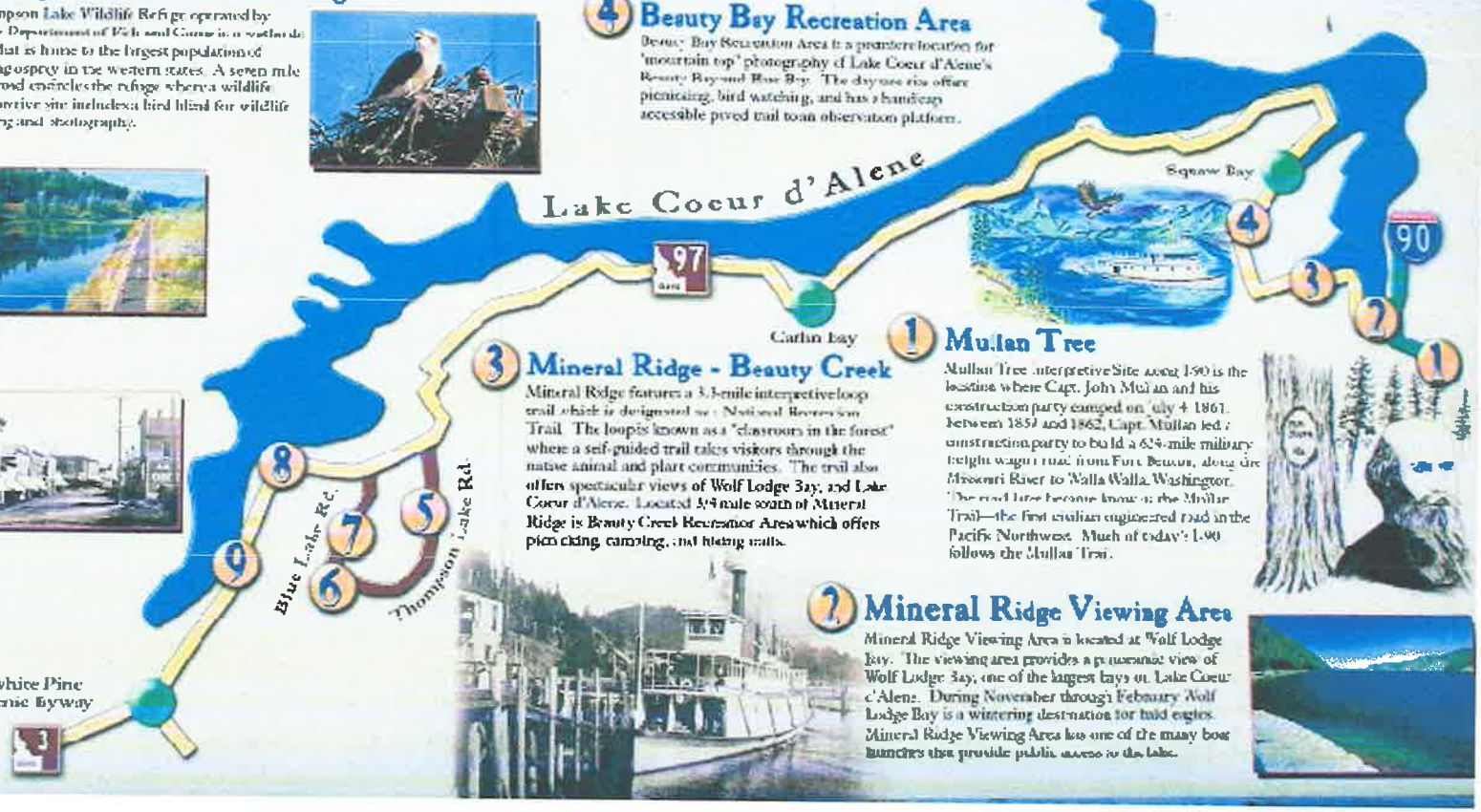
Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes is a 73-mile long bike/hike trail. During 1883 gold was discovered on the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. In 1885 silver was discovered near Kellogg and construction began in 1888 on a rail line to support the mining industry in Silver Valley. Today, Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes follows most of that original rail line making it one of America's most scenic bike trails.

3 Historic Harrison

Early pioneers settled in the area establishing the town of Harrison in 1891 naming it after President Benjamin Harrison. During the early 1900's Harrison's hallmark was the sternwheelers that provided the primary transportation route to Coeur d'Alene. The railroads soon followed making Harrison a thriving community supporting the region's lumber and mining industries. Today, Harrison is a popular destination for the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. To learn more about Harrison's history, visit the Crane Historical Society Museum.

1 Lake Coeur d'Alene

Named by French fur traders Lake Coeur d'Alene is 32 miles in length, contains 40 bays, and has an area of 50 square miles. More than 10,000 years ago glaciers pushed through the Purcell Trench scouring the St. Joe River Valley. As the glaciers retreated they left behind moraines of glacial debris, or a natural dam. Eventually, the St. Joe River flooded the valley creating one of Idaho's scenic lakes.



3 Mineral Ridge - Beauty Creek

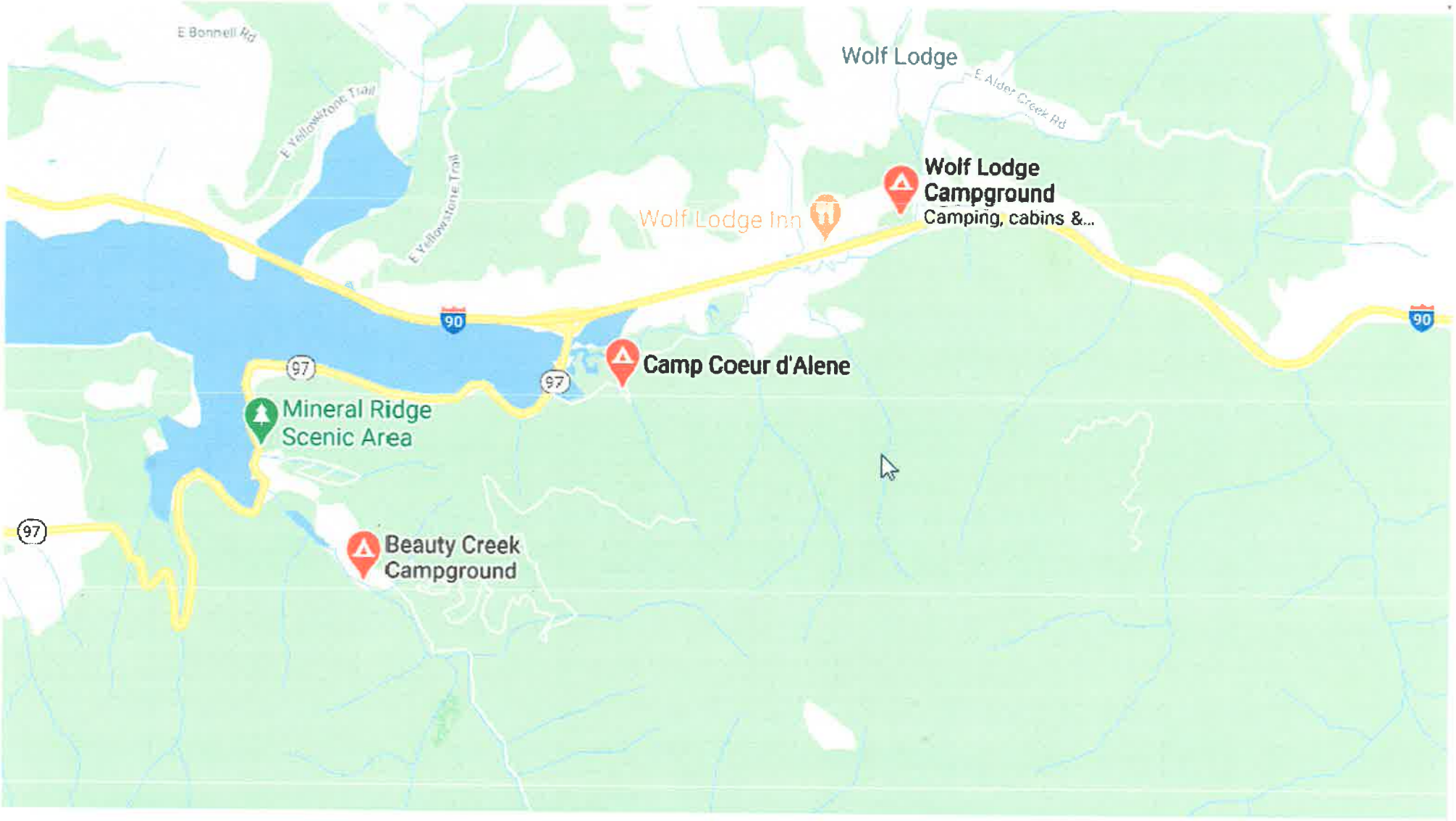
Mineral Ridge features a 3.3-mile interpretive loop trail which is designated as a National Recreation Trail. The loop is known as a "classroom in the forest" where a self-guided trail takes visitors through the native animal and plant communities. The trail also offers spectacular views of Wolf Lodge Bay, and Lake Coeur d'Alene. Located 3/4 mile south of Mineral Ridge is Beauty Creek Recreation Area which offers picnicking, camping, and hiking trails.

1 Mullan Tree

Mullan Tree Interpretive Site along I-90 is the location where Capt. John Mullan and his construction party camped on July 4 1861. Between 1859 and 1862, Capt. Mullan led a construction party to build a 624-mile military freight wagon road from Fort Benton, along the Missouri River to Walla Walla, Washington. The road later became known as the Mullan Trail—the first civilian engineered road in the Pacific Northwest. Much of today's I-90 follows the Mullan Trail.

2 Mineral Ridge Viewing Area

Mineral Ridge Viewing Area is located at Wolf Lodge Bay. The viewing area provides a panoramic view of Wolf Lodge Bay, one of the largest bays on Lake Coeur d'Alene. During November through February Wolf Lodge Bay is a wintering destination for bald eagles. Mineral Ridge Viewing Area has one of the many boat launches that provide public access to the lake.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