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Coeur d'Alene is a beautiful scenic town which is why certain parts of the lake should not be polluted by loud, noisy, disturbing businesses. Coeur d'Alene has many attractions including its many hikes. There is one hike in particular that our family enjoys very much, Mineral Ridge.

The Northwest's Playground says, "Mineral Ridge was built in 1962 as the BLM's first developed recreation site in Idaho. In 1982 the trail was designated as a National Recreation Trail" (visitnorthidaho.com). A week ago when I finished this trail, my brother and I counted nine different states' license plates at the trailhead of Mineral Ridge. They were all the way from Georgia and Texas to Utah and California. Visitors and locals recreate at Mineral Ridge not to see and hear an industrial business but to get away from the noise and pollution of industrial businesses.

Parts of Mineral Ridge will look right down on the site where the developer wants to build the bulkhead plus 170 feet of pier and dock. It will stick out far enough into Wolf Lodge Bay that the mooring area and assembly of modular docks will be visible from several overlooks on the trail. The pier will be viewed from Caribou Cabin and Blue Bird over look. It will also be viewed from Royal and Silver Wave benches. The noise from below the trail will make this sound like a construction zone all the time.

This past Easter my family went and watched the sunrise from Wilson overlook at Blue Bird , which is where this picture was taken, and loved the quiet and beauty as it is, just like hundreds of thousands of other visitors have. Please preserve the East end of the Coeur d'Alene Lake as a scenic, recreation destination!!





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MINERAL RIDGE

Scenic Area



Mineral Ridge National Recreation Trail

