

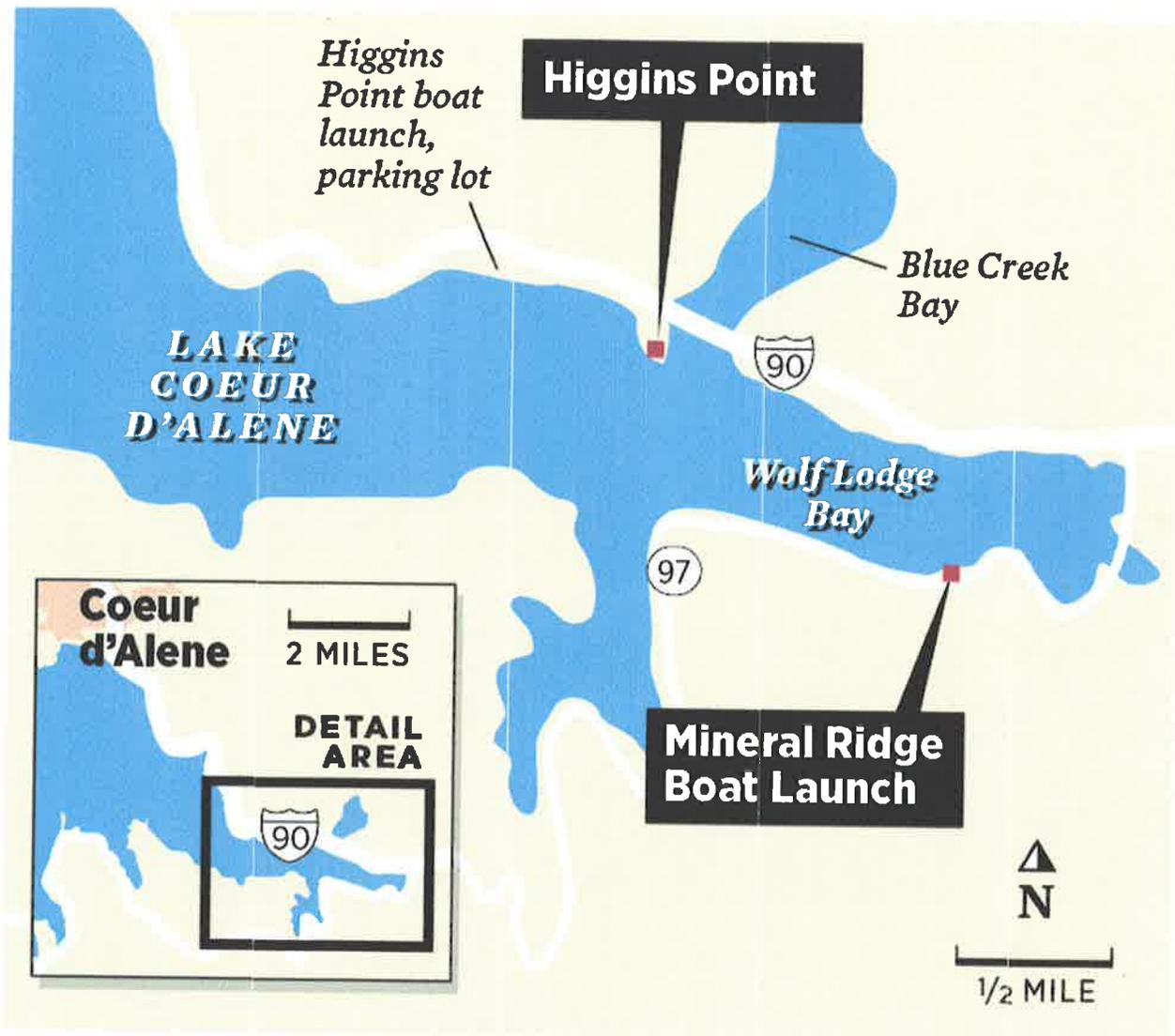
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My family lives on the shores of Wolf Lodge Bay. This beautiful bay is flanked by two major roads, Highway 97 and I-90. These two roads are well traveled by tourist, local commuters, and recreational enthusiast. At the junction of these two busy roads is Wolf Lodge Bay which opens up to the rest of Coeur d'Alene Lake. It is beautiful to look at and even more fun to boat on. There are two major boat launches, a marina, and established recreation area next to the proposed development area. Higgins Point and Mineral Ridge Boat launches bring countless boats into the Wolf Lodge area throughout the spring, summer, and fall months. Beauty Bay, to the south of Wolf Lodge Bay, houses boats in a private marina. Blue Creek Bay, to the north of Wolf Lodge Bay was "acquired by the <sup>BLM</sup> Bureau of Land Management from the Wallace family in order to provide public access to the lake and to preserve the area's recreational and historical values" (blm.gov). In all three of these bays, Wolf Lodge, Beauty and Blue Creek, numerous boats are on the water daily for recreational use. By approving the building of North Idaho Maritime's bulkhead and pier, the recreational and historical values will be dramatically changed!

Every day I look out my window and see gorgeous Coeur d'Alene Lake filled with boats and people having fun enjoying the lake. If you introduce huge barges, dock building supplies, and tug boats, along with loading and unloading cranes, into the area you reduce the recreational use of Wolf Lodge Bay while increasing the dangers of large equipment used in a high recreational area.

Please protect the safety and beauty of the shores of Wolf Lodge Bay.

# PRIME EAGLE VIEWING AREAS



MOLLY QUINN/THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW



**(Mineral Ridge Boat Launch. The developer's property is directly ahead and around the corner)**



**(Higgens Point Boat Launch. The developer's property is straight ahead on the other side of Higgens Point spit.)**



(Blue Creek Bay recreational area)

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/blue-creek-bay-recreation-site-and-trail>

## **Blue Creek Bay Recreation Site and Trail**

Blue Creek Bay Recreation Site, located within the 736-acre Wallace Forest Conservation Area, is popular for hiking, mountain biking, horse riding, picnicking, fishing and boating. The day-use area provides three picnic sites with tables and grills. An accessible small craft boat launch provides boater and non-motorized craft access to Blue Creek Bay on Lake Coeur d'Alene. The trailhead parking area offers access to nearly 5 miles of trails.

The BLM acquired this area from the Wallace family in order to provide public access to the lake and to preserve the area's recreational and historical values. The upland forested area consists of ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, grand fir, western larch, western white pine, western redcedar and western hemlock and is home to a variety of wildlife. A large wetland/riparian and wet meadow area extends along the head of Blue Creek Bay filled with black cottonwood, thin-leaf alder, red-osier dogwood, cattails, reed canarygrass, sedges, rushes and bulrushes. A portion of the historic Mullan Road, the first constructed overland wagon route through the Northern Rockies, crosses through the uplands. Completed by hand in 1862, the road connected points east of the Continental Divide to Fort Walla Walla, Washington.