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To: Kourtney Romine; Andrew Smyth
Subject: FW: Comment letter from Janie F[27140].docx to IDL
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:00:18 PM
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This comment is well after the deadline for consideration. Would you like me to send a response thanking her for her comment, but letting her know she missed the deadline for it to be included in what the hearing coordination is considering?

Let me know.

From: Janie Veltkamp <janie@bopnw.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
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Comment letter from
Janie (Fink) Veltkamp
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To whom it may concern,
I wanted to get these late comments to you Idaho Department of Lands regarding the Wolf Lodge Property I own that is very much impacted by any future zoning change and commercial dock installation to the adjacent Condon property. I, Janie (Fink) Veltkamp, own the 97 acres adjacent to the proposed rezoning at Wolf Lodge Bay and the property will be negatively impacted by this change! Please consider the following points:

This property has historically been used as a campground and for recreation, not for industrial uses. The proposed industrial and commercial dock installation use is in violent disagreement with present and future uses of all adjacent property.

My property is not currently for sale and hasn't been listed with a realtor for over 2 years. I have not sold the property because I haven't found the right buyer and I will not sell the land to someone that will use it for industrial use or a use that will be harmful to the area's wildlife and recreation.

Some consider me a leading raptor biologist and the foremost expert on the wintering Bald Eagles and the winter spawning population of Kokanee Salmon in Lake CDA- particularly Wolf Lodge Bay. I have provided the scientific narration for the Lake CDA Cruises Bald Eagle Viewing Tours for the last 10 years and know intimately the potential detrimental effect that the proposed industrial use will have on the wildlife and also the local ecotourism. We have hundreds of wintering Bald Eagles that depend upon the Kokanee Salmon in Wolf Lodge Bay and neighboring Beauty Bay for many winter months each winter. I believe commercial dock installation in Wolf Lodge Bay will negatively impact the wintering population of Bald Eagles and the Kokanee Salmon population that coexist there.

The Wolf Lodge Bay ecology is unique and sensitive to human disturbance and such proposed industrial use. We know how wintering Bald Eagles use this bay because we observe them weekly and officially count the number of Bald Eagles each weekend on the water cruises led by Lake Coeur d'Alene Cruises. The last week in December, we may count as many as 330 Bald Eagles in Wolf Lodge and Beauty Bay in one hour!

Wildlife, recreation, and tourism have steadily increased over the past 10 years in Wolf Lodge Bay. Local people desire access to local wildlife!

I strongly encourage Idaho Department of Lands to consider not destroying the huge gains we've made re-establishing the wintering Bald Eagle population at Wolf Lodge Bay. Please leave a legacy of improvement and protection of the wild state we have achieved over the years!
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