We would like to submit a letter of support for the approval of an overflow lease for seasonal/temporary dock storage at Powderhorn Bay by HDB Marine so they can continue to utilize Powderhorn Bay for their customer’s needs and the safety of those who recreate on Lake Coeur d’ Alene.

HDB Marine provides an essential and valuable service to everyone who recreates on Lake Coeur d’ Alene as well as the owners of the docks they store. We have been customers of HDB Marine since 2005 and their service has been superior and responsible.

Our dock is located near Harrison, ID and we’ve had it stored by HDB since 2005. We know that if we did not use this excellent service provided by HDB Marine there have been several times when our dock would have suffered major damage during winter weather, storms and freezing. This would have resulted in a significant hazard to others as the debris from our ruined dock would float freely on the lake. In addition, it would result in significant cost to us and other dock owners like us.

We have experienced two incidents that resulted from unsecured docks breaking loose over the winter. About 5 years ago a random floating boathouse broke loose during a storm and floated into our pilings in December. Luckily our dock was not in place or it would certainly have been damaged by this random boathouse.

About 10 years ago a dock that was just tied to a tree up the shoreline broke loose during a storm and narrowly missed taking out our pilings as it floated by. We were lucky our dock was not there. I imagine it broke apart on the lake and everyone had to dodge all of debris in the spring.
Every spring we see damaged docks and debris stranded on the Harrison side of the lake/shoreline from folks who don’t seem to secure their docks for the winter or are the victims of storms. If all of us who take responsibility to secure our property to protect it as well as protect the public from resulting debris have no more options to do so, everyone is harmed. May and June boating requires a trained eye for debris floating on the lake to avoid catastrophe.

As a lakefront Homeowner this service by HDB Marine is needed to properly maintain our dock system. Without it repairs or replacement costs would be catastrophic for many.

We are pleased to support HDB Marine efforts to improve the safety of the lake for those who recreate year around. They do a terrific job.

Thank you,

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