

August 15, 2025

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L95S6181 8/15/25  
Objection

Idaho Dept of Lands  
3258 W. Industrial Loop  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

Subject: Request for Public Hearing on The Estates at Waterstone HOA,  
#L95S6181

To Whom It May Concern,

Concerned Citizens, LLC is writing to formally request a public hearing in regards to the above-referenced encroachment/development on the Spokane River.

The entire river, and this section in particular, is characterized by narrow, shallow channels and an extremely high volume of boat traffic. The addition of a community dock extending at least 108 feet into this narrow channel, nearly 2900 sq ft of decking, and 25+/- boat slips, raises serious concerns about navigational safety, environmental degradation, and LONG-TERM impacts on the shorelines and local ecosystems.

We are specifically calling the IDL's and local Commissioners' attention to the following concerns:

- Increased risks of boating accidents due to the volume of boat traffic and the concern that the Spokane River is approaching its maximum carrying capacity. Please do a study. We do not want a tragedy to be the catalyst to finally forcing action!
- Profit over the health of the Spokane River - Local residents do not want to stand by and watch the river and shorelines degrade because of oversaturation secondary to permits indiscriminately given for profit.



- Inadequate public input thus far, considering the potential for broad community and environmental impacts.
- There are laws on record that are not being enforced, so these need to come to the public for discussion and accountability.

NOW is the time to PAUSE, TAKE INVENTORY and then ACT to protect the Spokane River. **We need solutions, not just talk.** There are many issues that need to be addressed; wakes, boaters/tourists who don't know the rules of the river nor understand the geography of the river, to name a few.

Local residents will tell you that the river is dangerous and crowded, so we respectfully request that you schedule a public hearing and listen to the residents and taxpayers who love the Spokane River and want to preserve our precious resource.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizens

