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On Aug 18, 2025, at 1:13 PM, Lori Nienau  
<[dailydie2self@gmail.com](mailto:dailydie2self@gmail.com)> wrote:

I've been following the group, Concerned Citizens regarding proposals that will affect the Spokane River with regard to boats and docks. My main concern is safety, but also how all the additional boat traffic would affect the cleanliness of the river itself - which could pose an issue for those that just want to swim, paddleboard and kayak in the river.

As a voting resident of Post Falls, I would appeal to you to pause all these applications, and that permits would not be issued until matters such as safety and water quality, etc. be thoroughly evaluated.

I'm not sure how many of these permits are being requested by out of state investors, but that is also a concern.

There is already overcrowding on our roadways because of out of control permits for housing. Do we want our rivers to also be burdened by overcrowding? Once the permits are issued, it's too late to turn back. So I appeal to you in your positions of leadership and decision making, to take a pause and listen to the concerns of the residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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We want to add our voice to the opposition to additional docks being permitted on the Spokane River. We support Sheriff Norris and the many others in this opposition.

The Spokane River water system is already over used; the congestion is obvious and constant. So is the dangerous boating behavior.

We observe dangerous and unlawful boating on an hourly basis most days during the boating season. It is doubtful if one in ten boat operators is even remotely knowledgeable about marine boating rules and law; or perhaps they just choose to ignore them or are just inconsiderate and/or uncaring.

Regardless, the Spokane River water system is too narrow, shallow and crowded to allow the boating activity that already exists much less additional docks.

Please join us in opposing permitting any more additional docks/slips on this fragile and over used waterway. As a community we must increase our commitment to protect this water system and the people that use it before there is damage that cannot be reversed.

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