

February 6, 2026

Mike Ahmer, Director  
Idaho Department of Lands  
3258 Industrial Loop  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

RE: Permit application #ERL95S1741Q, Expansion of Hayden Lake Marina

Dear Mr. Ahmer:

The owners of Hayden Lake Marina have applied to IDL to expand their dock facility, install electricity, a sewage pump out station as well as moving their gas pumps. Before IDL approves such improvements I suggest that the public's interest in the following be considered.

1. Traffic. Hayden Lake Road is a rural, 2 lane roadway that provides access to the homes of hundreds of property owners and occupiers on the lake. The posted speed limit is 25 which is generally ignored by roadway users. Increasing the number of boats in the marina will increase the use of Hayden Lake Road and make it especially difficult for the owners of property between Honeysuckle Road and the Marina. In the event of a wildfire it will impede the evacuation of all landholders and occupants on the east side of the lake.
2. Parking. The Marina's plan does not provide for adequate parking for the expanded number of slips. Their plan to use their boat storage area off Honeysuckle for parking is Pollyannaish at best and a mere subterfuge at worst.
3. Larger slips. Hayden Lake is only so big and will support a limited number watercraft, as it is the lake is extremely busy on summer days. The addition of larger slips will encourage larger boats, wake boats, and even houseboats, especially with the proposed pump out station. It is well recognized that the larger and wake boats cause significant damage to the shoreline. Houseboats present their own set of problems, including noise and the use of them as vacation rentals.

Because of the reasons stated above I have included a check for \$75 and am requesting a public hearing on this matter.

Regards,



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