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Erin McKindree
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Re: Lionhead Campground Boat Launch

Eurasian Milfoil and other aquatic invasives are a threat to the native flora of our North Idaho lakes, including Priest Lake. Each boat launch is an opportunity for these exotics to enter the waterway. Planning and renovation of this launch should have at its core all possible steps to thwart entry of invasive aquatics.

The KNPS strongly encourages planning and constructing this boat launch so it can have a wash station installed if funding becomes available for that. We also strongly urge installing a gate to prevent unauthorized launches at night and when the current mobile wash unit is not operating.

Planning to prevent the spread of invasives in the future is very important and needs to be an integral part of your project.

Please add us to a mailing list for this project. We would like to review it as it develops.

Sincerely,

Molly O'Reilly, Chair Conservation Committee

Cc: Rep. Eric Anderson
Kate Wilson, Lakes Commission
Jim Brady, IDL

