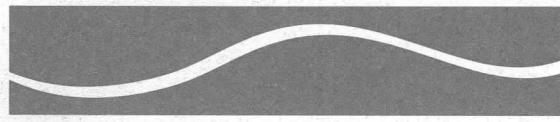


SPOKANE RIVER



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TO: Idaho Parks and Recreation

FROM: Steve Shamion
President, Spokane River Association (SRA)

DATE: September 15, 2008

SUBJECT: Sheriff's Boathouse at Templin's Marina

On behalf of the SRA Board of Directors, and representing more than three hundred riverfront property and homeowners on the Spokane River, I want to express our full support regarding a proposed "Sheriff's Boathouse" at Templin's Resort in Post Falls.

As residential and commercial developments continue to increase along our shorelines, so does watercraft usage. One of the primary goals of our association is to promote river boating safety through education and observation. To help us achieve this goal, we introduced a new program called "RiverWatch" earlier this year. It was developed and launched with the cooperation of Kootenai County's Sheriff's Recreation and safety department. (see enclosed brochure & map)

We've learned that law enforcement visibility on the Spokane River can significantly reduce unsafe or unlawful watercraft operation. By having the Sheriff's patrol boats in the water at Templin's Resort, dangerous and reckless boating activities will be significantly reduced. In addition, the vastly improved emergency response time will likely save lives when unfortunate accidents do occur.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly with any questions you may have. I can be reached at (208) 773-3234.

Steve Shamion