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Subject: Waldo Lake, Oregon

Dear Sir:

This letter is to address the current ban on all motorized boats to Waldo Lake in the State of Oregon. It is my belief that this ban should be overturned and a compromise should be reached, to allow access by all motorized vessels in accordance with the 10 mph requirements.

As studies have shown, there is no proof of degradation due to decades of powerboat and seaplane usage, therefore, what are we achieving by removing these vessels from this unique waterway. By removing powerboats from this waterway you're keeping taxpayers whom are under economic constraints from using this waterway, as they may already own a powerboat and cannot afford any other means of using the lake. This ban also reduces the profitability to the US Forest Service, by eliminating access to certain patrons who will be deterred from using this waterway.

Special interest groups take a short cut and place blame on motorized vessels, when it is just as easy for a non-motorized vessel to pollute the ecosystem with a non-native species contamination. The only way to preserve this ecosystem is for all users to police themselves and to take responsibility by using EPA approved motors (4-stroke design).

We must not lose sight of equal opportunities; all who have experienced Waldo Lake have allied interests in preserving it's beauty. Let's work together to make sure all outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy this landmark.

Best regards,

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