

## Scoping Period : Summary of Comments

### *Boating*

#### Economic Impact

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
58	This activity is something many in our community look forward to every year and is a way to raise money for the state with motorboating and jet-ski registration.
75	The economy will suffer if the lake is closed to boating
147	f the Lake was closed to boating I would be required to go to C] Strike, Lucky Peak or Anderson all of which are 30/40 miles away. Grandpa is on fixed income and the cost would be prohibitive.
162	There are dozens of businesses from boat dealers. tackle shops. motels. service stations and variety stores that would be greatly affected if boating and fishing activities were restricted at the Refuge.
255	Good alternatives for boating, and particularly good places to fish from a boat, outside of Lake Lowell, are some distance from Canyon County. Banning boating on Lake Lowell would seriously limit access to this type of recreation for area boaters and their families, and would also ensure that, when they are able to engage in such recreation, their dollars do not contribute to the local economy, but to economies outside the county.

## **Keep Boating**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
50	don't close lake to boating, but wants to be able to share with wildlife for conservation
55	Doesn't want boating to stop on the refuge
66	Wants to be able to use the lake for recreation as well as fishing.
71	I strongly recommend that Lake Lowell remains open to boating in all forms from fishing to water skiing.
83	Doesn't want to see fun boating experiences go away.
90	Deer Flat is a valuable resource for public recreation. Hunting, fishing, boating and allied outdoor activities such as bird watching and photography should remain as part of the recreational activities at the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge.
128	We think boats should stay.
29	Please do not prohibit watercrafts at Lake Lowell.
133	should have boating,
22	Please keep the lake open for boating
159	Just quick comment: Please do not close Lake Lowell for boating and swimming.
171	I am writing to let you know that I don't want the lake closed to boaters.
180	I understand the planning process however with all of the factors involved PLEASE Do not close the lake to boaters!! It is my observation over all of the years that most of the game birds are gone by 4/15 and never return before 11/1 and the lake closes on 10/15.
205	Please do not inhibit access to the lake as it is a wonderful escape that is close to home without the immense crowds.
233	We want boat access rights to this lake to continue
234	Really upset about boating going away. She lives in Boise. She says humans have a right to use it also.
306	Wants to be able to continue boating here at the refuge.
311	Sailing should be considered an appropriate method of wildlife observation and wildlife photography at DFNWR/Lake Lowell.
29	Leave Lake Lowell as is for boat & fishing use.

- 330 He respects the environment; want us to respect his right to enjoy the lake and boating. Moved to Nampa partly because of lake.
- 337 Not in favor of closing the fishing & boating.
- 29 Keep the Lake Lowell and Snake River Island units open for recreation and boaters.
- 446 Please allow recreational boating (motorized and non motorized) to continue.
- 503 This is an email in favor of keeping public boating access for Lake Lowell / Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge
- 514 PLEASE leave all boating as they are on lake lowell and every where else. NO DECREASES IN ACCESSES ANY WHERE!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 518 Please do not stop recreation boating and fishing on lake lowell, it can be combined with the wild life as done before. IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO GO FISH AND RELAX.
- 537 I disagree with closing these areas because they have been this way for over 100 years. If it's not broke, don't fix it. Stopping boating in this area would just flood other areas.
- 29 Boater and bird watcher and observe wildlife from boat
- 539 Boating in this area is a way of life, we fish, hunt, and enjoy recreation with friends and family. Removing boating on Lake Lowell is a start to remove our way of life as we see it.
- 29 I think it would be a big mistake to not allow boaters
- 29 Please keep it open to boaters.
- 678 Lived in valley whole life. Doesn't want to see boating go away
- 686 Keep boating at Lake Lowell
- 704 Please continue to allow boating on Lake Lowell. It has been my families favorite place for boating for years and we hope for years to come.
- 687 Keep Boating at Lake Lowell
- 720 Against taking boating away from Lake Lowell. People should come first
- 29 Opposed to removing non-priority uses. Wind causes more problems than boats

### **More opportunities**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
388	sufficient obstacle removal to allow use of the canal to once again float small water craft (kayaks, canoes, surfboards, paddleboats, rowing skulls, sunfish sailboats, etc); and nonmotorized (except for support, wildlife touring, coaching/safety motorized craft) boating opportunities tangentially or even unrelated to wildlife enjoyment. please consider allowing use of the lake for four and eight person crew boat training and racing. (This, like allowance of a sailing program, might involve allowing a relatively low speed, low noise, perhaps electric, motor launch for coaching and/or emergency rescue purposes.)
29	More boating opportunities
29	More biking and boating opportunities as well as visitor center.
29	Need the lake boating curfew removed.

### ***Collaboration***

#### **General Collaboration and Outreach**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
473	Just as maintenance of the traditional recreational uses of Lake Lowell is critical to the County's financial and cultural well-being. the continued involvement and support of Canyon County - and the goodwill of County residents - is critical to any effective management of the entire DFNWR. Canyon County provides the infrastructure and community support upon which the DFNWR's mission capability is premised. Parking, law enforcement, restrooms, boat ramps, grant opportunities, educational outreach, and many other incidentals, including annual expenditures of \$300,000 for mosquito abatement, form the very foundation of the DFNWR. Canyon County's continued provision of support should be considered contingent upon the preservation of traditional recreational opportunities at Lake Lowell, including but not limited to, vehicle access to Gott's Point, the Lower Dam Recreation Area and boaters' facilities at the Lake.
5	The county & USFW should work together to provide more patrols and cleanup.
708	Reach out to the Boy Scouts, YMCA, OREIDA, College of Idaho ornithology department, and NNU.

## *Development of Alternatives*

### **General Alternatives**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
29	Would like to see the lake dived in half, one side for hunting, fishing & wildlife viewing and one side for recreation, motor boating, jet skiing, etc.
334	When developing alternatives please remember the bill from 1970

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1. A literature review to collect studies referencing recreational disturbance to wildlife on wildlife refuges or similar areas specifically related to waterfowl and shorebirds, songbirds & raptors (migratory and resident), mammals using riparian habitats, and water-related recreation such as motor boating, waterskiing, personal watercraft, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, horseback riding, cycling, hiking, swimming, ice skating, ice fishing, sailing, and other such recreational activity that is appropriate.
  2. From the literature, create interim regulations for recreation on Lake Lowell.
  3. Conduct an environmental assessment for Lake Lowell regarding the continued generally unregulated recreational use.
  4. Conduct a baseline 2-year (minimum, 3 year would be better) survey of recreational activity and wildlife use on Lake Lowell (see environmental assessment above). This could be a thesis project for a BSU or ISU student in recreation, wildlife biology, conservation biology, etc.
  5. From the results of the survey and literature review, create interim regulations related to recreational activity on the lake. Conduct a continuing monitoring program of the effects any restrictions may have on wildlife pursuant to the goals and objectives of the National Wildlife Refuge system and make modifications as necessary.
  6. Maintain contact and communication with user groups on a regular basis (yearly? Per contact?) for education and feedback.
  7. Enforce regulations consistently on and off the reservoir. Other options are: use fees for operating on the reservoir. These fees could go into a habitat management fund to improve wildlife habitat, fund studies or educational programs related to wildlife conservation.

453 I realize that it would not be your decision to make, but has anyone considered doing a study to see how much silt has filtered into Lake Lowell over the years and could be dredged to create a couple of islands that would be off limits to the public but could be made into nesting areas for ducks, geese and other birds?

20 i do have a suggestion .maybe open the lake April 30 and close it sept 15..by then the lake is so green anyways i wouldn't want to take my boat out there .

## *Environmental Education*

### **General Environmental Education**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
19	Establish a more formal volunteer/docent program to help with educational programs
44	I realize the lake's original intent was irrigation, but..... The east end is "no wake" and you have the Osprey nesting area closed which are great tools. Maybe more education and enforcement would be an alternative,
54	We have also enjoyed the wonderful preschool storytime activities and the great visitors center provided.
157	I think education should be a key focus for the future of the unit.
271	SAVE LAKE LOWELL ! The Common Sense Big Six:Education for cohabitation for animals and humans  (this person created their own big six)
325	The recreational activities available to local families on the lake also provide a unique environment for learning, and promote an appreciation of nature within the community.
490	Removing recreation from the lake would detrimentally impact the Refuge in another way. If fewer people visit the Refuge, fewer people would have the opportunity to learn about the various plant and animal life it hosts. A key component of the Refuge's mission is education, but if there is no one visiting the Refuge, it's difficult to educate them
29	School children can learn a lot by show and tell at places like this.
708	They would like to have more frequent Wild About Life programs.

## *Fishing*

### **Carp Issues**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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68	Reduce or eliminate the carp in the lake
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147	I also see an over population of carp in the lake
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717	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <input type="checkbox"/> We recommend that the CCP EIS include an alternative that prioritizes carp removal.</li><li>• <input type="checkbox"/> We recommend that The Deer Flat NWR work closely with other Refuges that are likewise dealing with carp populations (such as the Malheur NWR) in order to identify potential management strategies.</li></ul>
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### **Fish Management**

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92	Wants warm water fish like bass better managed
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487	Fishing populations need to be controlled in the lake, and frankly the carp need to go. It is irritating as a fisherman to be told that bass and trout are in the lake, but catch everything else but either of those most of the time.
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382	Do something about the poor fishing for perch and crappie. The kids can't catch a fish from shore anymore and there are no fish left. Poor job managing
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## General Access

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
147	I would like to see more docks for fishing, the current ones have a sign that says "no fishing." It's not rigidly enforced but does act as a deterrent.
152	This lake is a great spot for all sorts of recreation, especially fishing. I come down 2x per year to fish at the lake, and from what I can observe, the fishermen are the most positive conservation force there. Reducing access to fishermen would be a tragic mistake.
152	I am writing to strongly oppose proposed changes to access to Lake Lowell.
255	Shore access for anglers at Lake Lowell is quite poor. Besides the terraced side of the west dam, the fishing pier near the Visitors' Center, and a couple of spots around Gott's Point, there are vary few places to fish from the shore.
326	Would like to have access to, fishing areas without having to walk so far to get to them.
29	no access to any fishing opportunities for kids. We are not allowed to fish off the docks. I don't like this at all.
29	stay open for night fishing,
29	Easy to get to the fishing spots.

## **General Fishing**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
7	Fisheries, said that the state would be asserting their right to stock in Lake Lowell
32	Promote improved fishing opportunities
60	keep fishing
80	Wants to be able to keep fishing
85	Loves to take his boat out and fish many times a year. Wants to be able to fish the southside to enjoy the wildlife more.
133	should have fishing
22	Keep fishing the way it is.
142	I take kids and my grandkids fishing to keep them off drugs so they need something to think about to have fun.
241	Wants lake kept open for rec fishing.
162	Local Bass Clubs in the 1980s in cooperation with the refuge placed concrete along the northeast banks (East of Gotts' (SP) Point) to enhance fish habitat. I believe it was just two years the Idaho Bass Federation Nation assisted with funds and personnel to add riprap to improve the launch areas at the Caldwell and Nampa ramps. Local organizations and volunteers have worked hard to keep the reservoir a great recreational resource. It would be a slap in the face if they were denied access to a waterway they have worked hard to develop and improve.
313	Fishing. In limited areas only, more restrictive than at present.
29	Leave Lake Lowell as is for boat & fishing use.
337	Not in favor of closing the fishing & boating.
346	Lake Lowell is very close for Ada & Canyon counties for day fishing. I don't feel fishing pressure will affect the abundant wildlife or birds.
518	Please do not stop recreation boating and fishing on lake lowell, it can be combined with the wild life as done before. IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO GO FISH AND RELAX.
29	A safe place to fish
29	Close area to enjoys water sports and fishing.
582	Can you please not close Lake Lowell to the public because it is a great place to go fishing.

- 587 Please don't close Lae Lowe Because I like to go fishing
- 658 The closing of Lake Lowell will be very disappointing to all fisherman in the nearby vicinity. Considering how many local [urw] spots have been destroyed by the earlier flooring[?], it's important to make sure that large bodies of water are open to fisherman.
- 668 Likes to fish at the lake.
- 719 They have been fishing since 1974 at the lake. Wish to keep fishing

### **Tournaments**

- | <b>ID</b> | <b>Comment</b>  |
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| 8         | IBFN is concered that smaller fishing groups can't afford the cost of the special use permit in order to have a tournament on the refuge. |
| 40        | Wants to continue to be able to fish tournaments and for recreation   |
| 60        | wants to keep fishing tournements   |

## *Gotts Point*

### **Other**

#### **ID Comment**

231 Years ago they sort of ruined Gotts Point.

### **Re-open**

#### **ID Comment**

5 Wants to see it re-opened immediately. Said would work with county to improve law enforcement and disabled access.

11 Wants to be able to fish at Gott's Point with his granddaughters but he cant walk the whole way down there.

25 He wishes Gott's Point would reopen so he can fish at his favorite fishing spot

69 He feels that Gott's point sould be reopened since it is the best shoreline fishing spot.

69 Wants Gotts Point Open now and does not want to wait for CCP process; good spot for bank fishing May 20, 2010  
Gotts point opened immediatel

314 Gott's point should be reopened. Our taxes can certainly allow for a dumpster to be placed there.

522 I am an avid fisherman. I have great memories of fishing and boating at the lake from my earliest days. I would like to continue making those memories with my children. Many of those memories were made at Gott's Point which was closed in the last couple of years without any input from the community who used it most. I know it is open to those who can walk to it, but what about my elderly father-in-law who would like to fish from there with his grand kids, but can't walk that far?

5 Gott's point should be fully reopened

29 Wants Gotts Point reopened

## *Grain Farming*

### **General Grain Farming**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
453	Areas of refuge should be cleaned up to allow grain crops to be planted. It would provide feed for the wildlife and it would also create areas for sportsmen to hunt.
474	I would also like to see some crop type management on the shoreline of the lake. There is plenty of opportunity here to plant corn or other wildlife friendly crops and not harvest giving better game food and cover than the existing weeds. Cost could be offset with some sort of boating sticker or boating inspection fee.

## *Hunting*

### **Anti Hunting**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
18	Wants the refuge to be returned to her original idea of the refuge being a place for wildlife viewing only.  YOU ARE EITHER A WILDLIFE VIEWER WHO LEAVES THE WILDLIFE ALONE TO LIVE IN PEACE OR YOU ARE A WILDLIFE MURDERER.
187	I don't understand how hunting is allowed at a national wildlife refuge--to me that seems like the #1 most non-compatible use in a wildlife refuge!
18	Stop all hunting at the refuge!
313	NO HUNTING. Not ducks, not geese, not pheasants, not deer. Enough get hit by cars or get shot out of the limits of the refuge. Leave a haven for the birds and animals and we overpopulated predators.

## Deer

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
3	Craig would like us to Consider a youth deer hunt at Deer Flat NWR1. <input type="checkbox"/> There are a lot of large bucks. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> The deer get hit on the roadway 3. <input type="checkbox"/> The farms are being depredated 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The deer only move off the Refuge at night.
4	Wanted to hunt deer because deer are getting hit on roadway, there are a lot of large bucks, and depredation on farms.
6	Wants a mule deer hunt to prevent depredation of farms
10	Wants the refuge to open up a hunt to help prevent depredation on the farms.
33	Anti Deer hunting
22	Wants to have a hunt open for deer.
219	If the number of deer need to be reduced I think a permitted hunt.
29	Open deer hunting on Deer Flat to thin out deer population
453	I have heard some talk about a deer season on the refuge. I would oppose such a season despite what I see as a healthy population of deer on the refuge. There is too much traffic along the refuge and houses are too close to warrant a season on the refuge.
471	Deer hunting on the refuge should be considered only if deer are a problem in terms of overgrazing the refuge.
502	If it would be a useful tool to maintain a healthy deer population, then it should be used. Somerestrictions may be appropriate for safety, such as short-range weapons or archery.
545	Wants archery deer season.

### **Expand Hunting**

**ID Comment**

13 Wants to be able to hunt predators such as coyotes and red foxes to prevent damage to other wildlife.

453 I would like to see squirrels (non-native Fox Squirrel) listed as open to hunt. When I first came to Idaho in 1991, I was allowed to harvest Fox Squirrel on the refuge as they ruin the Wood Duck nesting boxes. In the past few years I have been told that I am not allowed to hunt Fox Squirrel on the refuge despite that fact that they are considered a pest in Idaho. While I do prefer to hunt Fox Squirrel with a .22 caliber rifle, I understand and would accept the regulation to use only steel shot.

### **General Hunting**

**ID Comment**

32 Promote improved hunting

60 keep hunting

113 If further hunting restrictions are needed those can be implemented

29 [Refuges provide a unique recreational experience because]

Hunting on public lands which makes private lands out of reach due to cost.

(Questionnaire Answer)

### **Other**

**ID Comment**

29 Hunting on public lands which makes private lands out of reach due to cost.

## Waterfowl

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
14	Establish a water fowl and game bird Habitat Program with area farmers.
29	Wants a daily limit of shotgun shells (25 shells) used to allow others to hunt
40	Wants to be able to continue duck hunting
61	Wants to be able to hunt geese on the refuge
78	Doesn't hunt the waterfowl on the lake himself but would be sad if it went away for others.
169	Do something to stop the skybusting and overcrowding by duck hunters. I suggest a one box (25) shell daily limit per hunter.
200	USFWS and IDF&G need to work to together on a hunting management plan that restricts waterfowl hunting days to three or four days a week on federal and state owned waters.
415	It would be a tragedy to close the lake to duck hunting. Hunter opportunity would plummet and everyone would be more concentrated in already limited areas throughout south idaho.
453	IF Duck hunting is continued on the refuge I would like to see the gates reopen in the winter if the lake should freeze and then thaw prior to the close of season. In the past, once the lake freezes the gates are locked and not reopened if the lake opens back up. Being disabled, I find it impossible to access the lake to hunt unless the gates are open and I can launch my boat.
453	As a duck hunter I would like to see all electronic calling and decoys prohibited on Lake Lowell. I realize that electronic calling is already against regulations, however it would have to be tied directly to the motorized decoys. I believe that motorized decoys gives hunters an unfair advantage over waterfowl. I have watched high flying ducks lock onto a motorized decoy without any other decoys set up or any calling by the hunter. As a hunter and sportsman, I like to think that it was my ability to set up an appealing spread of decoys and my ability to call a duck into my blind and not due to a motorized decoy. Many states are banning motorized decoys and as a Federal Refuge you could impose that restriction
474	I would like to see Lake Lowell stay open to hunting of waterfowl and upland game. This is a great opportunity for many hunters.

## *Law Enforcement*

### **General Law Enforcement**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
14	Working agreement with Canyon County Sheriff's Office, Nampa City Police, and Caldwell City Police to help monitor and stop illegal activities occurring on Refuge property. With emphasizes on vandalism.
24	Active patrols to enforce this also.
32	Promote stronger security with county sherriffs office
33	Take better control of poaching and unsafe hunters
37	This man has realized that the water banks have not been enforced like the laws in the homeowners guide says. His neighbors have been destroying the habitat along the banks by their property. Wants more inspections done.
327	Wants more patrolling of lake, especially along shores to stop drinking and littering.
29	Police only ticket boaters and ignore drunks and fights in family picnic areas.

## *Miscellaneous*

### **General Miscellaneous**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
9	He has a business that rents ATVs, jetskis, and pontoon boats. It's not going to hurt him if he can't rent equipment that ends up at the Refuge. His biggest concern is that one or more of our county commissioners are trying to beat the Refuge up.
223	Lake should open 1 month early and close 1 month later.
235	He also supports the work that the mosquito abatement does.
31	<p>Here are a few things that I have observed as I have frequented the refuge as a retired biologist and as a refuge volunteer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Migratory flocks of tundra swans, white-fronted geese, snow geese, and a variety of duck species find refuge in the East End as they pass through, especially on their spring migrations. These flocks generally holdover and then pass on well before the opening of the boating season on April 15.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A variety of shorebirds and wading birds are attracted to the East End mud flats when the lake elevation is down in the fall. These birds appear to be relatively undisturbed because of the low lake level which does not allow for much boating use at that end of the lake.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> When the lake elevation comes up in the spring and floods the isolated bays and inlets, causing an emergence of smartweed and flooding of the shoreline willow patches, this is when the Western and Clark's grebes and mallard pairs are attracted to the area for breeding and nesting, as well as white pelicans for feeding. This is true not only for the East End, but also along the South Side shoreline and other areas of the lake. By this time the boating season has started and the bass fisherman are frequenting these emergent habitats in pursuit of the largemouth bass that have also moved back into these more sheltered habitats. The "no wake" rule on the East End helps ameliorate the disturbing effects of boat use during this time, but the very presence of boats and humans during the critical nesting season probably is disturbing to the birds and may affect breeding and nesting success. These emergent habitats on the South Side and other areas of the lake are additionally disturbed by the noise and wake of other boat traffic.</li></ul>
29	It's in an urban setting, most public lands I visit are rural.

## *Motorized Boating*

### **Boat Limit on Lake**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
8	The BASS Federation Nation is taking the stance that there is enough room on the lake for everyone and everyone has just as much of a right to be there as they do.
52	set a limit on boat parking spaces at each damn with no overflow boat parking. This will reduce heavier traffic on the lake maintaining a more peaceful environment for the birds and animals at the refuge.

## **Boating for Fishing Access**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	Wants to be able to use his boat to fish
43	Wants to be able to fish from his boat
64	There main concern is that they wont be able to fish on the lake from their motorized boats.
95	He wants to continue to fish from his powerboat
111	I would agree recreational boaters do nothing to further the goals of your agency. However, restricting motorized boats would eliminate bass fisherman, an avid conservation group, from using the lake.
255	. As you know, fishing is one of the "big six" public uses that are considered appropriate uses of the refuge. I own a 15-foot fishing boat that I use frequently at Lake Lowell. I consider the use of this boat to be vital to my activity as an angler.
290	concerned with the short fishing and boating restrictions already imposed on the lake now and would like you to address the reasons for curtailing the fishing so early by closing the ramps and blocking axcess to fishing areas. I believe Closing the lake to boating and fishing will have the unintended impact of increasing the pressure on Arrowrock and other facilities, plus create a hardship on fishermen who don't have the resources to travel farther in order to fish.
29	The geese don't seem to have suffered much by their catching catfish and crappie. Boating on the lake enables us to fish, to observe wildlife, and to photograph wildlife. It encourages children and young adults to connect with nature and experience both waterfowl and deer in their natural setting. We have enjoyed watching the ducks and geese fly around the boat and watching deer eat along the shoreline.
496	Bass fishing is a popular activity at Lake Lowell. Bass fishing without a boat is nearly impossible.
29	fishing & hunting are done from our boat, we need to keep boating an option on all our waterways.
699	I would like to comment that use of motor boats at least for fishing purposes should be continued at Lake Lowell.

### **Decrease Water Sports**

- | <b>ID</b> | <b>Comment</b>   |
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| 82        | He feels that jet skiing and water skiing are damaging to the wildlife on the refuge.  |
| 82        | As a neighbor of the refuge during the summer months we often hear extremely loud roars of large power boats racing up and down the south shore of Lake Lowell, loud music being played even in the evening hours, water birds and shore birds disappear during the summer months as wake activity increases with jet skiers and water skiers. The ambiance of 'wildlife refuge' disappears entirely when these types of users are on Lake Lowell. Restrictions should be increased to not allow water skiing or jet skiing. |
| 255       | If strong, credible science points to a need to reduce boating activity on the lake, I suggest that the best approach would be to reduce this activity by targeting waterskiing, wakeboarding, jetskiing, and similar activities, which generate the overwhelming majority of the wakes and noise (and which have no relation to the "big six" acceptable activities).   |

### **Do Not Change**

- | <b>ID</b> | <b>Comment</b>  |
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| 63        | He feels that everything in place as far as restrictions is good. Doesn't want any more though.   |
| 81        | Doesn't want more restrictions on boats on the lake. Feels that the wildlife are not bothered by them.  |
| 86        | Wants to be able to use power boats for recreation  |
| 92        | Leave boating the way it is   |
| 113       | Let me be clear, in no way should the use of motorized boats be limited in any way on Lake Lowell.  |
| 197       |   |
| 414       | I am against restricting boating on Lake Lowell   |
| 455       | As someone who regularly enjoys Lake Lowell, both in a motorboat and walking my dog along the lower dam, it would be disappointing to discover that these activities might be restricted in the future. |
| 538       | Thinks refuge should be open to all power boating. Need studies done to prove that boating harms wildlife before any restrictions.  |

### **Don't Change Water Sports**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
27	Wants to be able to use their sailboat and skiboat. Also agrees that the seasonal lake use should stay in effect to accomidate wildlife
28	Wants to be able to go water skiing
45	doesn't want more restrictions for water skiing
60	keep recreational boating
67	They want to be able too keep water sports. It is the reason they moved to Caldwell.
80	Wants to be able to keep water skiing
533	Water skiing & water boarding is a good way to introduce youth to the outdoors.

### **Education and Outreach**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
52	create a mandatory education program that each boater or boat owner has to complete in order to better understand what the refuge is, where and why we need to be more sensitive, rules regarding use of the lake, and the purpose of the refuge.
57	Mandatory Educational Program. Each boat must obtain a sticker or certificate to show that they have attended an educational class regarding the birds and nature of the wildlife refuge

### **General Boating**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
15	Is there any way to mark the entry back to the boat ramp from the lake? Last time we were there, some flagging tape had been placed at strategic bushes, but we doubt this is going to hold up over time. Maybe a children's florescent pink ball hanging from a tall tree?After bobbing around for a few hours, we were in desperate need of toilet facilities. And, a trash receptacle would be nice, too.
75	The motorized boats keep the lake 'moving' therefore keeping the moss at a minimum. If they are not allowed YOU would have more problems with the mosquito problems that are already so prevalent to the entire area surrounding Lake Lowell.
466	My family and I boat, fish and do watersports at the lake two times a month when it is open. It is an accessible, great place to be on a summer day. The fishing is spotty, and the water is never crystal clear, but we love the lake!

## General Restrictions

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Eliminate sport boating &amp; PWC use on the entire lake and restrict motor size on all boats</li><li>2. Restrict sport boating and PWC use to smaller area of the lake</li><li>3. Reduce motor size on boats, eliminate PWC use</li></ol>
89	Wants to know if restricting hours on lake would make a difference to wildlife and habitat.
157	Also the noise from the boats (motors, stereos, etc) as well as the exhaust and oils which are deposited into the water concern me. If motorized boats are continued access, perhaps more funds should be available to at least patrol on weekends to ensure they follow protocol, such as observing the no wake areas.
187	I think motorboating should be restricted to those few months per year when they won't disturb nesting birds or wintering birds.
249	He feels that if boating is hindering wildlife then there should just be restrictions not a complete ban
294	it would be preferable to simply establish an all-encompassing no-wake zone within 100 yards of the shores (or something like that). Most fishing does not occur in the middle of the lake, so let the power boaters have that area and fishermen can have their preferred areas without getting knocked around by ski boat wakes.
311	A maximum of 10 horsepower should be allowed on outboard motors on sailboats. This is for safety reasons so that boats may quickly get off the lake in the event of a storm or the lack of wind.
313	Well, let's see. Certainly ban powered personal watercraft. And those huge, huge boats. Some days the lake looks like a dozen versions of the the Q. E. II trying to sail in a bird bath. To start, maybe allow just canoes, rowboats, small sail boats, and fishing boats with outboard or inboard engines not exceeding 25 hp. That system seemed to work well in the past on some lakes in the Adirondacks and other locations.
339	Larger ski and bass boats may make a difference, but small boats won't affect the birds or shoreline.
391	If motorized boats are allowed to use the lake I would like them to be restricted to the west end of the lake. The entire lake should be open to non-motorized watercraft. The east end of the lake has more access to walking areas and I hope for a little peace and quiet when I'm walking the access roads

- 407 With these mandates in mind, the only non-priority uses permitted should be most non-motorized activities and motorized activities that support priority uses including fishing and hunting. Any motorized uses should be controlled by a boating speed limit, e.g. 25 mph, to prevent damage to habitat and to prevent disturbing species that are using the habitat for nesting, resting, feeding and escape cover. In addition, many of these boats are equipped with high powered stereo systems which may drive animals out of their habitat or prevent birds from nesting. To further protect the water quality and habitat, no filling of gas tanks should be allowed on the lake or shore line. These activities should only be allowed in parking lots marked and designed for this activity to prevent spillage from washing directly into the lake or habitat
- 408 I would definitely favor restricting the use of motorboats and jetskis. If they are allowed at all, they should remain in zones that are shown not to interfere with the breeding and nesting of the grebes and other birds.
- 417 Our boat has ultra low emissions and doesn't put pollutants in the lake, so why not have a emissions requirement that you have to meet to put your boat on the lake? The Federal Government mandates it on the Highways so why not on the Lake?
- 488 Motorized Boating - We believe motorized boats should be allowed for fishing. However, motor size should be limited. Perhaps only allow use of trolling motors. Personal Watercraft (jetskiing) - this activity should no longer be allowed Waterskiing/tubing - this activity should no longer be allowed In the event motorized watercraft continue to be allowed, we believe it would be of great benefit to shorten the season for use to reduce the impact on the lake and surrounding environment.
- 529 We find that many of the proposed new regulations are excessive, overbearing, beauracatic and for the most part excessive. Of course the proliferation of ever more powerful and loud ski boats with their obnoxiously loud stereo systems, the annoying jet skis, etc. are certainly not in keeping with a wildlife refuge and this problem needs to be addressed. Perhaps a speed or horsepower limit would solve the problem
- 29 We need the lake boating curfew removed. No one else make you get off water at a certain time.
- 575 I believe you should limit the size of boats, the size of motors and eliminate jet skis. Large and loud motorized vehicles and wildlife do not get along.
- 716 changes that could be made to protect the shoreline for wildlife. One of these would be to limit boats access to the lake by putting barriers well out into the lake. Another would be to limit the number of motorized boats on the lake at any one time.

## **Horse Power Management**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
14	Restrict boats to 35hp maximum. No Jet Skis.
21	Doesn't want a restriction on size of engine
27	because of the low level of the water she feels there should be a horsepower management in place
32	Restrict Horsepower on boats to Max 35 hp, More no wake zones.
46	Wants to know if use of cleaner boat engines could change the mind to allow boating on the lake.
82	Feels there should be a motor size restriction on boats
140	There could be some consideration as to limiting the horse power rating of the larger boats.
189	Option 1. No Motors Option 2. Very Small Motors on Specific Craft, electric possibly
190	I'd like to see a decibel level or horsepower rule enforced on the lake. Too many loud boats on the refuge.
143	Limit size of motor on boats.
419	I would like to see a horsepower limit on watercraft some of the time, but not all of the time. My suggestion would be a 2-hour window at sunrise and before sunset, limiting boat motors to 25hp
429	max horsepower of boat motors or electric motors only

## Impacts to Wildlife

### **ID**

### **Comment**

- 189 f no data already exist, it may be necessary to conduct new studies to establish noise, proximity and wake levels certain not to negatively affect wildlife. It is important to understand that such studies would need be done at more pristine sites than Lake Lowell and other places where current uses may have distorted the sample of wildlife population by having already driven off members intolerant of even minor intrusion levels, leaving behind (for study??) just those that were better able to adapt. Until non disruptive intrusion levels are somehow quantified, it is only safe to raise the level of wildlife protection to the level that existed for some fifty or so years on this refuge after President Teddy Roosevelt wisely took a stand which was, history tells us, unpopular to some of his contemporaries as well.
- 189 The character of the Refuge has undergone gradual changes, primarily due to increases in boat numbers, sizes and types. Each contributing factor has increased noise levels, which now may be considerably beyond those appropriate for a wildlife refuge."... much larger motors also enabled a new recreation: water skiing...not even remotely possible behind a rowboat. Unfortunately today, even miles away from the lake, one can usually hear highly powered, even V-8 driven boats racing to and fro on Refuge waters. Another recent development--jet skiis--now make noises impossible to avoid by everyone within a mile distant. Without a doubt, large boat motors, water skiing and jet skis are not recreational activities compatible with enhancing wildlife and the stated mission of the NWRS.
- 29 I feel that the animals have not been affected by the boats on lake Lowell. Are you going to close lakeshore drive also since I am sure that lots of animals and bird are hit by cars which is more damaging then the boats. The birds have adapted to the recreation on the lake and the numbers have increased not gone down so there should be no reason to even have this discussion.
- 31 I believe that a healthy wildlife population and recreational boating can co-exist:  Extend the "no wake area" farther up the lake to Gotts Point.  Exclude motorized boats from the "no wake area" until after the nesting season, e.g. May 15.  Exclude motorized boats from within a specified distance from shoreline and emergent habitats, e.g. 200 feet.
- I have not seen any direct effect of boating activities on the success or nonsuccess of nesting raptors around the perimeter of Lake Lowell, i.e. bald eagles, osprey, redtailed hawks, etc., although there may be occasions when this could happen.

**Increase impact to other resevoirs**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
147	Not only would I be penalized everyone who owns a boat would be on the road going to one of those options. The additional usage on those areas would be a problem plus the added fuel needed would not be going "green."
181	it will put more congestion on Lucky Peak and I think we all know that the weekend traffic on Lucky Peak is too heavy as it is.
535	Closing lake would over crowd other boating areas.
705	As one who has witnessed first hand the horror of a boating accident, I believe closing Lake Lowell to boating will eventually lead to overcrowding on other lakes and a fatality.

## **Keep Motorized Boating**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
28	Wants to be able to use his boat on the lake
52	Doesn't want to see the lak close to boats
58	I am against any proposed plan to discontinue motorboating use at the Lake Lowell Unit.
72	Uses the lake for waterskiing, jetskiing, fishing, ..... Etc. Doesn't want these thing to go away. Proposed the plan to retriect 2 stroke engines
76	Wants to keep boating on the lake
79	Doesn't want boating to go away. Suggests switching to a 4 stroke only engine
125	My ccp comment with being a boat owner and using lake lowell is to for us to be able to still use it. When I drive by the lake during week days I notice that there isn't very many boats out on the water and even when the lake is busy its not bad.
137	Do not close Lake Lowell to boating - for many this is the only affordable option to go fishing. Many individuals and families enjoy this lake for the 6 months boating is allowed. I would think those who recreate at Lake Lowell contribute to Canyon County's economy.
139	Would be very disappointed to see the lake close down to rec motorized watercraft.
161	I am an avid boater that frequents Lucky Peak. If you close Lake Lowell down it will crowd Lucky peak even more and hurt businesses to the point of failure. I strongly oppose closing Lake Lowell to boaters.
193	Please don't make motorized boats illegal at lake Lowell.
225	I would like to see boating and waterskiing permitted on the lake.
264	Don't shut down Lake Lowell to motorized boats
316	I strongly encourage the inclusion of motorized boating
335	Against the closing of the lake to boat- don't fix something that isn't broke.
386	I grew up skiing, fishing and hunting on Lake Lowell and I think the reservoir should remain open to motorized boats.
387	Please do not limit all motorized boat use from the refuge.
464	Please continue to allow boating
474	I would like to see Lake Lowell stay open to motorized boats during the current season that is already in place. This handles concerns on nesting waterfowl.

- 501 Don't close it.....dont do it....Don't close it to boaters. Don't close it....Keep lake lowell for the people by the people.
- 523 Please for my families sake do not close Lake Lowell to the use of motorboats.
- 533 If you close the lake to power boating you close it off to thousands of upcoming youth.
- 536 It would be a sad day if the Jet Boat family were excluded from the lake. Jet boaters are responsible stewards of the water/areas we play in and should not be excluded.
- 29 Power boating on Lake Lowell is a window of opportunity a chance to open a persons interest to a whole new world. People observe animals while boating and then go home and research them. Don't close another window of opportunity.
- 29 I hope you keep Lake Lowell open to motorized boating.
- 29 Keep Lake Lowell open to motorized boating.
- 698 Does not support removal of motorboat use from the lake.
- 701 Wants motorized boating to stay open on the refuge.
- 718 Governor Otter feels that it is unfair to the public to get rid of motorized boating. He doesn't like that federal agencies keep prohibiting access for idahoans
- 719 Keep Motor Boats Open

### **No Boating**

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| 175       | banning all motorized vehicles and camping from the surrounding land areas as well.   |
| 177       | The East end of the lake which is now a "No-wake zone" would be closed to all boats, except paddle craft.   |
| 29        | Opposed to boating on the lake  |
| 29        | Wants use of motor boats and jet skies banned on the lake.  |
| 391       | I enjoy spending time walking the access roads or just sitting along the shore (or dam) watching and enjoying the birds and other wildlife that live at the refuge. And then a boat comes roaring by and kills the silence. I would like to see the lake closed to motorized boats but I think that is wishful thinking on my part. I do think that jet skis and other personal watercraft should not be allowed to use the lake. |
| 579       | This was originally designed as a refuge and needs to be left that way, with no motorized recreational use! It wasn't designed to be a water park for jet skis, water skiers, and all around abusers of wildlife!   |

### No wake zones

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| 111 | If there is a specific negative impact that boats are having on wildlife, or fish, I would suggest alternatives....<br><br>-Additional "No Wake" zones.<br>-A Shorter Boating Season (May 1-September 1)<br>-                         |
| 177 | Create a No-wake zone that extends 100 ft or 200ft from the weed line for the circumference of the lake. Nesting waterfowl/wildlife would not be bothered. Payette Lake already has this in place and it works well for all concerns. |
| 52  | no wake zones can be expanded if necessary to protect sensitive nesting grounds. It should be noted that the lake already has built in no wake zones in all the vegetation around the perimeters of the lake.                         |
| 57  | Introduce more "no wake zones" in the lake. This will create less wakes and movement where the wildlife are living in the edges of the lake.  |
| 224 | Boating and water sports are a priority for me. No wake zones on south side of lake and equalization channel could help   |
| 508 | Zones or areas of the lake can be designated as "No wake",  |
| 710 | I also noticed that there is a lot of silt in the water I think that if from heavy boat traffic, you can limit this as well with "no wake" zones  |

### Seasonal Restrictions

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| 21  | He wants to see no restrictions on season meaning he wants the lake open year round for boating.   |
| 29  | Fishing boats 25hp or less Apr 15 - Sept 30<br>Non- wildlife oriented power boat and large fishing boats May 1 - Sept 10   |
| 111 | If there is a specific negative impact that boats are having on wildlife, or fish, I would suggest alternatives....<br><br>-A Shorter Boating Season (May 1-September 1) |
| 52  | reduce hours of operation during the day, or reduce the open season.   |
| 224 | Do not restrict by time as it crowds lake more.  |

### **Speed limit restrictions**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
22	Feels if wildlife is being hindered by speed of boating then it needs to be limited.
111	If there is a specific negative impact that boats are having on wildlife, or fish, I would suggest alternatives.... -Lower Speed Limits
52	speed restrictions on the lake to 35-40 mph. This will allow most boating activities while decreasing noise and disruption.
57	Reduce speed of boating to 35-40 mph. A speed restriction at this level still allows for water skiing but will reduce noise and speed on the refuge.
203	There is concern that you might limit motorized use based on the horsepower of the engine in the vessel. If this is one of your proposals, I would highly encourage you to consider implementing a speed limit, rather than regulate by the amount of horsepower.

## *Non-Motorized Boating*

### **Do Not Change**

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| 16  | He feels that non-motorized boating does not affect wildlife   |
| 187 | I think that kayaks, rowboats and other non-motorized boats could probably be allowed on the lake most of the year.  |
| 294 | All non-motorized activities can take place without harming wildlife or wildlife-related activities. Jogging or walking a dog in areas already open to human use is not going to cause a problem. People seriously engaged in wildlife activities would likely be in areas where most people engaged in non-wildlife activities would not be anyway. |
| 29  | Likes that there is a designated no wake area which my canoeing & sailing more enjoyable. Don't have all the campgrounds & motor vehicles that deter from the nature experience.   |

### **Increase Sailing**

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| 311 | Sailing regattas should be given a special use permit for no more than two events per year, to be conducted in the spring. This would be considered a secondary use of the Lake and is consistent with appreciation and enjoyment of the natural resources. |
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### **Non-motorized only**

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| 127 | What part of wildlife refuge do people not understand. My compromise non motorized boats. |
| 175 | I propose allowing all non-motorized boat traffic on Lake Lowell                          |

## *Off-refuge Issues*

### **Development**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
56	If you want to do something to benefit the waterfowl stop the subdivisions that are being built within the boundaries of refuge. The refuge is slowly shrinking due to encroachment of human dwellings. The same should be done with the river banks on the Snake that are all so with in the refuge boundaries.
213	I would think that restricting future development of housing and road building would be well advised.
313	I think the worst impact on the refuge has been the loss of critical feeding habitat on land peripheral to the refuge, land sold by farmers to greedy developers for the mindless construction of the Idaho gulag The geese, pheasants and mulies struggle much harder to survive than they did years ago, I think.

*Other Non Priority Public Uses*

**Anti-federal government**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
70	Hates Government. Thinks they have no right to do this.
168	Hates government regulations
295	Hates the government for allowing special interest groups to run the decisions.
305	This is our state and land , to enjoy as we please . Why has this been a pet project for special interest groups ? Why don't you let the people who live there and play there vote on it ?
182	have lived in Nampa for 12 years. I live 2 miles from Lake Lowell, and have a 26 foot sailboat. If (they) whoever these people are, close the lake, I will move. How some federal clerk can change the lifestyle of everybody in so. Idaho, with the swoop of a pen, is beyond me. Nampa is the 2nd largest city in this state, please tell me we can fight this. We the people, want to keep our lake. this is the USA, I voted for you sir, please, assure me,----all of us you will go to the matt with this!!! I know you believe in this Sir, please help!!!
29	Does not like refuge management
362	Kick the U.S. Fish and Wildlife off the lake – go back to irrigation district & public.
371	Get your head out of the dark place. There are people besides bird lovers.
383	i have scene some changes that has been a long the snake river and it is very stupid of what you have done.we all pay taxes and i know that you get some of that so i think that you work for us.so let the people make the changes.
394	Lake lowell is for irrigation. They have used it many times for swimming because it was very close. Don't want the government controlling their land
397	I can not see why boats should be banned on Lake Lowell! I was the manager in the mid 80's and we had no problems with boats! I think there are to many working for theFish & Wildlife Service these days that want to control everything! Mainly females!
29	If this goes away I hope that the refuge loses any tax money from our county and city taxes. I will no longer support the refuge.

- 443 I strongly object to any proposed plan by US Fish and Wildlife that would further limit or eliminate boating or recreation at Lake Lowell in any way. I am in favor of eliminating the US Fish and Wildlife and all the waste that goes with it and turning all responsibility back to the people of Idaho. What a great plan!
- 445 They wish they had a say to what decisions were made for the wildlife refuge.
- 447 I cannot even think of releasing this recreational area to the federal government. Look at what they did to the farmers in Klamath Falls a couple of years ago.
- 29 They are animal-centered and humans are invited, as opposed to the opposite.
- 215 WHY-----IN THE WORLD WOULD ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO DESTROY RECREATION AT LAKE LOWELL???-----BECAUSE YOU CAN?????
- 558 Closing the lake is stupid. Environmental idiots get a life.
- 29 They don't care about the people
- 560 Lake Lowell is owned by tax payers not the Federal Government. Be careful of what you are doing.
- 565 I don't think the govt should be interfering with it. You're going to make a lot of people mad at the govt. It's not going to do the govt any good at all.
- 680 Hates the federal government
- 489 Hates the federal government control. They are taking over everything about the freedoms citizens deserve.
- 29 Hates Federal government
- 722 No more Federal Control. Anti-Feds.
- Bicycles**
- ID Comment**
- 29 Bicycle lanes would be an excellent addition and increase safety for cyclists immensely.
- 29 More bike paths.

**Do not change**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
38	The current list of compatible non-priority public uses appears both reasonable and compatible with the mission and goals of the refuge and should be allowed to continue.
	Expanding fishing opportunities is fine as long as its not reduce current recreational boating and swimming opportunities.
42	Wants regulations to stay the same they been for years.
94	Wants the public to be able to keep using the lake for recreational uses
95	Feels there is a good balance between wildlife preservation and man's recreational use.
98	I implore you to help "non-priority" recreational uses to be continued on Lake Lowell
99	Feels there shouldn't be any restrictions, nor does he feel the wildlife refuge is necessary.
103	I do not want to see ANYONE taking away my access to these or any other resources we taxpayers paid for. These waters BELONG to us, our kids, and their kids...NOT to any governmental Bureaucrats.
109	Only the Federal government would want to fix something that ain't broke until it is.. Lake Lowell has been doing very well for 90 + years. Leave it alone..
116	We all, as taxpayers bought the use for the lake and putting restriction on the use of the lake is taking away our rights for boating recreation.
117	Please don't take away one of our few free pleasures of life.
120	I do not agree there should be any changes regarding the usage of our Lake Lowell. Closing off this recreational area to our community, will be awful.
121	Please do not restrict the recreational use of Lake Lowell. The lake has been a focal point for recreation for many decades.
129	Please don't change the Lake operation.
130	Do not change any part of the current usage at Lake Lowell. This body of water is a key recreation spot for the poor segments of the population.
132	Please Leave Lake Lowell as it is.
135	My feeling is that we should leave it alone so the recreation we've enjoyed can continue

- 136 Please do not limit these activities.
- 140 I believe that the multiple use of the facilities at Lake Lowell should remain as they have been for many years
- 141 We do not need to restrict the recreational uses of the lake anymore than they already are.
- 145 . There is no need to change the use of the lake. The lake is closed for 6 ½ months out of the year already.
- 155 I believe the lake is already being managed correctly, it closes and opens at the appropriate times, allowing for wildlife nesting, hunting, fishing, water sports, and allowing irrigation for the farmers.
- 29 I have been boating on Lake Lowell for the past 25 yrs. and it has been a great source of recreation for me and my family and I don't want that to be taken away from me and my family. Also some of Priority Public Uses can be done from a boat, like fishing, wildlife viewing and photography. The Comprehensive Conservation Plan should include Non-priority Public Uses activities by using what is already in place; the limited boating season, the no wake area and closing amenities at certain times and or dates.
- 166 SHARE THE LAKE, SHARE THE FUN, SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY.  
Don't take away what we have, give to the rising generations!  
Leave the lake the way it is NOW!
- 174 My vote to make no changes regarding overall use.
- 178 Lets leave things alone. People need places to be also.
- 185 Please leave things as they are currently.
- 192 Allow us the decency to oversee and use local resources in the area in which we live.
- 194 Please don't try to fix something that is not broken.
- 201 It should be left as it is. Best place to waterski in the spring. Should be left alone.
- 203 I highly recommend that you do not make any changes to the use of this refuge area, especially motorized use of this resource.
- 209 KEEP LAKE LOWELL OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC FOR RECREATION, SWIMMING, FISHING, ENJOYMENT, ETC.
- 210 Please let the lake continue to belong to the PEOPLE of Canyon County.
- 212 FOR YOU TO EVEN CONSIDER CLOSING THE LAKE FOR PUBLIC  
RECREATION USE IS INSANE.

213 I truly hope that current use rules are allowed to continue at Lake Lowell.

215 Now you want to take all that enjoyment away. My proposal is to halt what you want to do, give control to the IDAHO FISH AND GAME and we can all (birds, animals and people) watch the lake return to what it once was.

218 I am now 79 years old and hope to see the people use the lake. I hope a plan will be made to alls exceptability.

220 Vote to allow everything as is so people can swim, fish, or do whatever you'd like to do. If it ain't broke don't fix it.

221 For boating and irrigation. Everything else is been done right.

222 Boating hasn't hurt area. Hunts and fishes lake. Intends to continue fishing, hunting, and enjoy the lake. Doesn't want change.

226 I would be against boating, water skiing and access regulations to Lake Lowell! It would be a disservice to change these recreational opportunities.

29 I feel the current usage of Lake Lowell should remain as it has been for many, many years.

228 Said he was against any restrictions put on the lake.

231 If it is not broke don't fix it.

232 Leave it alone.

237 Prefers rec uses and boating

29 Please do not ban or restrict recreational activities on Lake Lowell.

244 The lake was made for irrigation and recreation... LEAVE IT THAT WAY!!!  
The wild game has adjusted to it...WHY CAN'T YOU!!!

245 In the last 100 years the wildlife has flourished. The boating doesn't bother them at all.

247 Local people need to decide these issues! Let the local people who use it, be responsible for it not someone who has never seen it, used it, and loved it! Life has been good at Lake Lowel since its inception!  
I say share the lake! Let the activities on the lake continue as they have in the past!

254 PLEASE leave the status quo! WE have lived here for over 30 years and enjoyed boating and picnicing at the Lake. We do not feel that there should be restrictions for the use of Lake Lowell.

263 Please ensure us the opportunity to continue enjoying Lake Lowell.

266 I am writing to show my support in maintaining the current recreational uses at Lake Lowell.

267 Therefore, I recommend you follow the age old adage: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

269 Please do not further restrict any uses of Lake Lowell. There is no need to change anything about its current operation.

270 There is no need to change anything about its current operation. Should you decide to restrict recreational use of Lake Lowell, that would amount to a 'taking' of an asset from the people of the State of Idaho by the Federal Government for which we should be forever compensated.

272 Hi, we need to save lake lowell for public recreational use.

273 My hope is that you can find a way to allow as many uses as possible to continue.

274 He feels the lake should stay open because there are no problems needing to be addressed.

275 am definitely opposed to restricting or closing LL to recreational activities.

277 We are against any changes in the management of this beautiful resource.

279 Stay away from our lake.. People have rights, not just birds....

280 his lake is ours, leave it alone. I suggest you worry about problems that need your attention instead of creating problems that didn't exist before they existed.

281 I see no conflict, and since "we, the people" have been enjoying all of these activities, and still the wildlife exists and multiplies, they must be compatible. Please do everything in your power to make sure that the Mis-Managers of lake lowell just leave it alone and not change anything.

287 Please do not change the useage of Lake Lowell

296 The regulations are fine just the way they are.

298 This lake was designed as a storage for irrigation, why can't we continue the status quo and all of us who have enjoyed the lake through the years pass that enjoyment to our families.

302 I strongly urge you to maintain most, if not all, of the recreational use at Lake Lowell.

- 29 to take away something I've got to enjoy my whole life makes no sense, have the people taking the lake ever spent a day fishing or swimming? for me it is a way of life, I've fished out there sense the day i could hold a pole.so to take that away is like taking away a peace of my life..don't you think the government takes away and controls enough of our lives??  
!!!sad, very sad!!!
- 304 I have enjoyed recreating on the lake and I do not beleive we need any more government jurisdiction with regard to Lake Lowell than we already have.
- 307 I urge you to keep Lake Lowell open and the Snake River Islands open for public use. Limiting or restricting use is not acceptable to the people of Idaho.
- 308 I seems to me that the plan is very unlikely to see many changes. The refuge is doing just fine the way it is now.
- 310 I think that the lake should be left pretty much as it is. A lot of the people that use the lake don't really have any other place they can use, and afford to go to.
- 312 Please leave our lake just the way it has always been.
- 315 Concerning the use of Deer Flat I suggest we keep it the same
- 66 PLEASE do not restrict the OUR FAMILY'S FISHING , BOATING and USE of OUR LAKE.
- 321 Lake is important to him and his kids. Wants everything to stay the same
- 322 I write to support the existing priorities for use of Lake Lowell, of irrigation and recreation. I am supportive of wildlife on the reservoir, but not in changing the priorities.
- 29 feels the lake will be closed to boats and recreation will be restricted.
- 331 Boating in season does not interfere with waterfowl & wildlife. Leave the plan that has been working for years along.
- 332 Keep as is.
- 344 Strongly oppose the changes that are currently being considered. Closing any part of Lake Lowell or the Snake River to recreational use is totally unacceptable for the people of this area.
- 350 Leave it as is – for the people too
- 352 Please keep open, it is a fun place to go. Keep it as it is.
- 354 What is wrong with it the way it is now?
- 358 Leave as is!

- 359 Please don't take this away from us. Family uses it for fishing, boating and geocaching. Blue green alge does more damage than anything else.
- 360 I am a local angler and Bass member, we have put 100,000 dollars in lake to improve fishing. Community spend 10's of thousands of dollars to play on lake. This is wrong and it is our water!!!
- 361 You the boating community only has a window of 4 months, it's not fair that you feel you need the lake all the time. Why can't everyone use the lake?
- 364 Please Leave it alone.
- 365 Leave things the way they are. You can't change the world for (can't make out word) or any other threatened species. Stop playing God and let us enjoy what he has given us.
- 368 Do not close the lake any more than you have, it needs to be open more.....
- 369 No changes necessary.
- 372 Leave nature alone – Please do not ruin Lake Lowell.
- 373 This lake was built for irrigation & recreation. Has been hunting, fishing and boating here for 40 years and want it to say that way.
- 29 I feel the lake should stay exactly the way it is now. Family has used it for it's recreational facilities for over 20 years and have not bothered any of the wildlife. Government needs to stay out of things that run smoothly.
- 378 I support keeping Lake Lowell Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge accessible to fishing, hunting, wildlife photography, wildlife observation, environmental education and wildlife interpretation simmlar to waht they are today
- 379 I think it sould be left as is if anything open more of the access areas don't make it were the public can you it
- 381 Please allow our community the use of this lake; it is a weekly destination for many families. I know a number of people who choose to exercise in the serene setting of Lake Lowell over the indoor recreation facilities. Please leave it be.
- 382 Do not restrict or close Lake Lowell to boating or any thing else on your list.
- 384 I strongly believe that the public and the wildlife animals, fowl and fish can continue to live in harmony at Lake Lowell. Please do not restrict the public from accessing the lake and all its amenities.
- 389 My family would like to see Lake Lowell used for recreation in the future as it is used now and has been use the past.

- 398 Why fix whats not broken! wildlife is doing good, bigger population all the time. so why take are back yard away from us?
- 130 DO NOT CHANGE THE USES OF THE LAKE LOWELL REFUGE. I HAVE COME 100'S OF TIMES TO THE LAKE ON THE WATER AND LAND AND NEVER DISRUPTED A BIRD. PREPOSTOROUS !!!! STOP THIS CHANGE OF USE AND RESOURCE GRAB.
- 130 He feels the people are being cheated out of a recreational spot that their ancestors built.
- 399 There are now set dates for use of motorboats on Lake Lowell, to further restrict them or other recreational activities would be a further detriment to the local economy and sportsman. For over 100 years Lake Lowell has provided generations of local residents with recreational and sporting opportunities. I support Save Lake Lowell and encourage your support as well.
- 406 There should not be any new restrictions on motorized watercraft, recreation, or fishing as the refuge.
- 409 Let's allow the people who live here and recreate here to continue to enjoy Lake Lowell the way they have for many years.
- 70 Feels like it is unfair there is a refuge here and believes no changes should be made
- 413 Please do not put restrictions on the lake. It is the one and only way to enjoy the outdoors on this side of the valley. I have lived here all my life and enjoyed boating, swimming, picnicing, and jogging around the lake. PLEASE DO NOT PUT RESTRICTIONS ON THESE ACTIVITIES.
- 425 Please allow recreational uses on Lake Lowell and the Snake River as has traditionally been done in the past.
- 433 The uses should be left as they have been.
- 441 I spend countless hours at Lake Lowell and the Islands hunting, fishing and boating. It would be a shame to loose any more public access. I respect and want to actively participate in wildlife and habitat protection. But not at the risk of loosing more access.
- 454 Restricting the use by the people who created the lake so it can be used by the wild life who moved in later does not seem just. I wonder if this proposed restriction is a product of more control by the federal government or the will of the people who are affected locally.
- 460 There should be no new restrictions on the activities allowed at Lake Lowell. It has been utilized by the public for many years for recreational uses and should be able to continue doing so. NO NEW RESTRICTIONS!

- 461 I believe ALL the recreation activities should be allowed to continue. This includes Boating, Water Sports, Fishing, Hunting, etc.
- 467 I register my desire to maintain boating and other recreational uses of Lake Lowell. As a patron of the lake and its activities I do not want to see restrictions enacted. I live four miles from the lake, and believe the citizens of our community need a nearby and accessible facility for recreation.
- 473 Canyon County's continued provision of support should be considered contingent upon the preservation of traditional recreational opportunities at Lake Lowell,
- 482 Wants recreation to stay the way it is. It is important to their family as well as other families in the treasure valley
- 484 Do not close Lake Lowell.
- 491 The lake is a place for FAMILIES to play, as opposed to sitting at home playing stupid video games. My family has been going there for 16 years. We do not have a boat, or a lot of money to travel to Cascade or Anderson. You close the lake, you steal our only swimming hole.
- 493 My family have enjoyed Lake Lowell for over 50 years. We have ice skated, water skied and had family gathering there. I hope you consider the long history and multiple used that Lake Lowell have offered the the farmers and citizens of Canyon County.
- 512 Don't take any more recreation away for animals that have an inherent ability to adapt to their environment.
- 516 My wife and I are NOT boaters and use the lake rarely. However, we like to see other friends and neighbors use the lake for recreation; such as boating, swimming, hiking, etc. I am sure recreation and wildlife can co-exist, as they have done for dozens of years.
- 517 As a small business owner and a boater I am against any plans restricting use for both personal and financial reasons.
- 520 Please keep Lake Lowell as it is. This should be for the public use as in boating, swimming and for irrigation as it was established.
- 522 I would like to encourage you to continue allowing the current recreational activities that we can participate in at Lake Lowell.
- 525 To limit access or close the area would be wrong and benefit absolutely no one. To only address what's best for the environment is myopic

- 529 the restrictions regarding dog walking and bike riding on existing trails and roads, as well as ice-skating, are ridiculous and over-reaching considering that they have been allowed I presume for the 100 years that the refuge has been in place. I doubt that these have had any serious impact on the wildlife.
- 29 Boating is not hurting the refuge now, why change it.
- 29 Leave it alone.
- 541 No restriction for use of Lake Lowell. The hunting, fishing, boating, wildlife, photography and wildlife observation have been going smoothly for many years. Do not shut it down to boating and fishing, they have been part of the lake since its inspection.
- 542 Recreational use has not harmed the lake, chemical runoff from farmers has. Nothing to do in valley, lake is one of few things to do. We need to stand up and run special interest groups out of our great state. Keep Lake Lowell for ourselves.
- 544 Lake should be left as is for recreation
- 547 No changes necessary
- 548 Please don't – We need the Lake
- 553 Lake should be for public use. It can be used just like it has been in the past, wildlife & public.
- 554 Lake Lowell should not change. If you take boating, picnicking, dog walking & swimming away it would hurt Idaho. Our right as a tax payer should allow us to keep the Lake. You should talk to the people of OUR state, it is our lake, not just the refuges.
- 555 Lake Lowell should continue to be a public use area. Little by little our rights to the use of the great outdoors is being taken away, what is happening to this great state of Idaho. Do not do this.
- 29 Do NOT close Lake Lowell anymore than it already is. Want kids and grandkids to be able to enjoy it .
- 556 Lake Lowell has been a wonderful recreation spot in this area. The lake being open for use in the summer and closed for the migrating birds to use and nest the rest of the year works great. Why change something when it's working so well.
- 29 We use the refuge about 5 days a week. My wife and I enjoy the peacefulness of the refuge. The refuge as unique blend of recreation for exercise and observation of wildlife.
- 29 I and my family will be very upset if you take away our rights to swim and boat at Lake Lowell. More and more of our rights and freedoms are being taken away... quite frankly I for one am sick of it.

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There does not appear to be a documented negative impact to the wildlife resulting from past public use of the Refuge. Until the US Fish and Wildlife has irrefutable evidence that public use is harming the Refuge, please do not change the public use policy.

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Lake Lowell is a valuable asset to the local community and sportsmen. The lake is already over regulated with special hours and regulations. The lake needs to stay open to public use.

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Lake Lowell should remain open as it always has been. Conservation has its place but requires common sense.

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Keep lake as is

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I believe in maintaining status quo on how the refuge is currently being managed.

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I am strongly opposed to any action (government or private) to alter the use and enjoyment (access) of this resource to canyon county, Idaho residents in any way. Please leave it as it is!!

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I say leave the Lake Lowell and Snake River Islands as they are. It is ridiculous for you to think that people are effecting the wildlife adversely.

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It's closed to boats 7 month out of year that's enough

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I am against any additional restrictions for sportsmen, irrigators, pilots, boaters, etc.

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Don't restrict what we can do there!

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Would be a shame to loose such a asset to our community and state and for other to enjoy please keep this the same as it is.

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I am totally against further restricting usage at Lake Lowell.

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We strongly feel that recreational boating and all related activities have long been and should always remain a compatible activity with the wildlife conservation goals of the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge.

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It's closed to boats 7 month out of year that's enough

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No new restrictions on lake. Lake has been fine so far. Leave it alone.

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No more recreational restrictions.

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Wildlife has done well for 100 years. My opinion is to keep it the same.

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I do not want to see any new restrictions or increased enforcement of existing policy placed on motorized watercraft recreation or fishing at the refuge

### **Do Not Remove Uses/Close the Lake**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
17	Wants to be able to use the lake for rec uses on the water
12	Wants lake lowell to be balanced and for everyone.
47	In support of keeping the lake open to rec uses
49	Wants the lake to stay open for rec use.
51	Doesn't want recreational uses to go away. She doesn't understand how some of these recreational uses are worse than hunting or fishing.
52	Doesn't want the lake to be removed of recreational uses
54	They really enjoy using the lake for recreational uses. They don't want to see it go away.
57	Doesn't want to lose the ability to use the lake for Rec purposes. Feels that the economy of the community would diminish if the lake closes.
59	Doesn't want the recreation use ability to go away
62	Feels that it would be a shame if the public would not be able to spend their days at the lake like they used to. They do not want the lake to close to recreational uses
65	Wants the refuge to stay open to all recreational use
67	They want to keep the current rec uses. It is the reason the moved to Caldwell.
76	Wants to keep rec uses
77	Doesn't want the lake to close or change its recreational use policy
84	Lake Lowell is needed for recreational activities for families in the surrounding area.
87	Waterskiing, Wakeboarding, Kneeboarding, playing in the sand, tubing, etc is a major part of my family's life. We could have lived anywhere in the valley and because of the easy and quick access Lake Lowell has, we chose to live HERE!
91	Wants to keep public uses the way they are
93	Uses many of the recreation uses at the lake and doesn't want to see them go away.
97	She feels that the refuge is fine how it is. She loves both the wildlife and the recreational uses but wishes we could keep both.
98	Please do whatever you can to influence CCP to allow continued recreational use of Lake Lowell.

- 100 Against closing the lack to rec uses
- 102 I am a local Boise resident as well as a Kiteboarder. I believe that Kiteboarding is totally compatible with the CCP plan. It is a safe, non-motorized recreation that does not interfere with any other recreation or wildlife on Lake Lowell. I hope that the plan will allow for continued kiteboarding on the lake.
- 105 Please consider my opinion a vote AGAINST closing down Lake Lowell. I think it's a place for the community to just enjoy being outside and having fun in the water, please don't shut it down.
- 106 I understand there is a federal comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) that might ban opportunities that we now take for granted, I would hope that such a plan not be implemented.
- 107 I am strongly against the removal of water sports and boating on Lake Lowell it is a family heritage that I would like to keep going for my kids, and eventually my grandkids. Please Please don't shutdown the Lake for us residents of Canyon County.
- 110 We hope to continue this for quite some time. I am aware that recreational use is at risk and am acutely aware of how the political climate controls this. I hope science and common sense prevails in this case.
- 119 Please leave the lake open to swimmers, bikers, boaters, fishermen, and folks that want to picnic. Why would you not?
- 123 Do not ban Lake Lowell to everything from all motorized and non-motorized water sports, to picnicking, jogging, dog-walking and more. This is ridiculous.
- 124 Lake Lowell needs to remain open for all to use!
- 126 This is nothing but a government takeover over of the Lake. Let's try to save the lake for our enjoyment.
- 29 I've used the lake for boating, jogging, walking. I wouldn't like to see any of those services shut down.
- 138 Strongly opposed to closing Lake Lowell recreational activities.
- 57 Please keep lake activities.
- 156 What a pleasure to take a child fishing or boating and to point out the various types of birds flying overhead. Educating your family about nature is a true joy and unforgettable to the whole family. Picnicking and swimming enter into the whole experience. Please do not take away an opportunity that costs our citizens very little and makes wonderful memories.

- 158 I do not feel closing the Lake to any or all the existing uses would truly benefit the management area's habitat.
- 160 We would like to see that DFNWR remain a mixed-use resource area.
- 29 I cant believe it are you guys rely going to close lake lowell? Do you not see how many people use this for recreation. Evan during the week go there at 7 pm and it is covered with boats of all shapes and sizes doing everything you can do with a boat. What will these people do when it's gone?
- 163 We would hate to lose all of that. It was a major reason for us chosing to live in this area and having the lake so close to us.
- 79 Closing the lake is ridiculous. It provides fun activities for all of us, not just our kids. I love to go down to the lake with my dogs and go on long walks with my husband.
- 170 Please do not close Lake Lowell... There is no need  
With so many against this idea.. is amazing how those in charge do not go with what the majority of the people want.
- 172 I can't see where closing the lake will make any differance to them. It will have a big impact on our community. The farm land is being goobled up lets, at lease keep the lake.
- 173 Please help bring this issue to the public and stop the closure of Lake Lowell!
- 179 We boat, walk, picnic, meet friends, walk our dog, (cleaning up responsibly) and appreciating the beauty of the lake and views. I strongly object to the proposal to close the lake to these pleasures.
- 183 We are horrified that Lake Lowell may be restricted to boaters and recreational users. It is a fine place for the residents of Canyon County to visit. We are the taxpayers. Please do not close Lake Lowell to recreational use!
- 187 I don't think activities like walking, jogging, swimming, or picnicking should be banned; that would be too extreme and engender a good deal of public hostility.
- 188 please do not close Lake Lowell to boating it would me a shame and make me very upset!!!!
- 191 Please allow this area to remain a multiple use area
- 196 Strongly feels that the lake should never be shut down to boating or any other recreational activities.
- 204 DO NOT CLOSE LAKE LOWELL TO RECRATION – WE PAY EVERY DAY FOR THIS LAKE WITH WATER TAXES AND I VOTE NO TO RESTRICTION LAKE LOWELL.

- 208 We are against any restrictions on swimming, boating, fishing and waterskiing on our local reservoir Lake Lowell.
- 214 I am against closing Lake Lowell to non-Priority uses.
- 29 Hates to see it closed
- 229 Believes it is totally wrong to shut down boating. Doesn't understand why it is being shut down since it has been multipurpose lake for many years. Wants us to leave it alone.
- 236 Been here for 70 years. Doesn't think we should close the lake.
- 239 Kids and family go to the lake, they love the wildlife. Doesn't want lake closed to public. They don't use boats, but they swim, picnic, and catch bugs.
- 240 Lived in the valley his whole life. Against shutting down lake.
- 246 please keep lake lowell open to boating, fishing and general recreating.
- 248 We, the taxpayers, have paid for this wonderful facility and it would be so very wrong for you, the wild life officials, to rob them of their opportunity to use this also as a recreation area.
- 250 I sincerely hope that all non-motorized activities will continue to be allowed. I am referring to walking along the roads & trails, horseback riding, jogging, bicycling, sailing, etc.
- 251 Please do not ban recreational activities on Lake Lowell.
- 252 Please consider the senior citizens that enjoy this beautiful location. SAVE LAKE LOWELL.
- 258 So please do not ban all recreational activities from the lake and snake river, it is part of what makes living in the valley and out in the country so great.
- 259 on behalf of the people that need and want access to the lake for recreational purposes, it is their right to do so. Look to who pays for it! Not the NMI district! So, keep it open to the public. PS: If you built a handicap facility, even I could fish!
- 260 I am against the closing of lake lowell,  
please leave it alone.
- 29 DON'T CLOSE LAKE LOWELL TO CIVILIAN USE. DO NOT VOTE TO CLOSE LAKE LOWELL FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.
- 265 We go boating, fishing, and hunting. We use Lake Lowell for many purposes. We appreciate the Lake and the wildlife. Please give my children the opportunities that Lake Lowell gives me. Please don't shut down Lake
- 268 Mark me in the column AGAINST the conversationists proposal to limit usage.

- 271 SAVE LAKE LOWELL !  
The Common Sense Big Six:Protect the rights of boaters and family recreation  
  
(this person created their own big six)
- 278 Please do not punish our native citizens for the garbage that "others" leave to harm our environment.
- 284 Please, please do not take away the motorized and non-motorized use of Lake Lowell by people.
- 285 It has come to my attention that government intends to shut down boating and picknicking at lake lowell. This is absolutly un acceptable.my entire family stand behind saving the lake from over zealous government wack jobs and environmental nut casses
- 288 Please leave the Refuge the way it is. Do not lock the taxpayers out of this area. I have a boat and my family takes it out several times a year to knee board, shi and just ride around ane enjoy the scenery. We also have used the picnic area often.
- 289 Feels like it is a waste of money to be considering issues which can't be avoided like not allowing people on a lake which is practically within the city limits.
- 291 Lake Lowell needs to be kept as a multi-use recreational area. This involves biking, boating, canoeing, picnicking, and refuge to bird species.
- 300 I ask that you please vote to keep this area open
- 301 I see no reason why Lake Lowell can't continue as it is as a multiple use area. Please Keep Lake Lowell as Multiple Use Ares.
- 303 Help continued recreational uses at Lake Lowell (Nampa)
- 29 we need to keep Lake Lowell open to all..
- 317 Locking up this valuable resource, in the heart of Canyon County will not expand the value of the Refuge to its citizens nor the wildlife it hopes to protect. It is a natural and cultural resource proven throughout the years that use by people does not detract from wildlife protection.
- 318 I think it is a negative idea to close Lake Lowell.
- 323 They are hoping to be able to still access the lake to learn about wildlife as well as recreation at the refuge
- 324 I would like to go on record of keeping Lake Lowell open the public.Please let us continue to use the lake and enjoy the activities of bird watching, boating, fishing. It is a part of our geographical heritage.

- 29 Lakes need to be for all to enjoy, motorized & non-motorized boating, fishing, educational wildlife, & for family enjoyment/ time together.
- 29 Feels Lake Lowell is important to recreation in this area for all to enjoy.
- 329 Doesn't feel taking recreation away from the general public will save the our birds.
- 29 Don't take the lake away from people who use it the most. Family goes every weekend.
- 338 Wants lake to remain a multi use facility. Lake should be used for recreational purposes as well as a wildlife refuge.
- 341 There is no reason a few birds should be a reason to take a man made body of water away from the people. Let the people decide the future.
- 29 Keep Lake Open
- 29 Birds & wildlife have plenty of places to play & feed. Do not shut off the water or stop the families from playing in the water, the community needs this playground.
- 343 Keep multi use.
- 348 Keep open
- 351 Please leave Lake Lowell open to the public.
- 353 Public does not want this closed. Do not close the Lake.
- 355 I love "my" Lake, can't stand to see it shut down. it's a great draw for the community, it's a Canyon County heritage
- 374 It is absolutely absurd that the refuge wants to close the lake. I have enjoyed it for 43 years and me and my family go boating and jetskiing out there all the time. We also do a lot of fishing and swimming as well.
- 375 She wants the lake to stay open to recreational use.
- 376 Feels we have no right to shut down the lake. He said this was never President Theodore Roosevelt's intention.
- 29 Keep the Lake Lowell and Snake River Island units open for recreation and boaters.
- 390 If a fee per use is needed for that type of recreation, I would support this.
- 392 Please help us keep Lake Lowell open for recreational activities. please help keep Lake Lowell open to all recreational activities for the continued attraction and wholesome fun for our residents.
- 393 It is our sincere hope that you will continue to allow public recreational use at Lake Lowell.

396 while I have great concerns as well about keeping noxious weeds, trash, etc. out of  
the area, I don't believe limiting public use is the answer

400 We've got a wonderful resource in Lake Lowell and the refuge; the public should  
have access to it and enjoy it. It's been a blessing to our local area to use this man-  
made resource. We hope, and pray, that it will continue to be made available to the  
public.

410 . I think it's a shame that someone wants to take this great part of the outdoor  
summer activities away from myself and others.

411 Please keep the refuge open for recreational activities

29 We feel like the disusing of the closing of the lake is absolutey appalling

414 human trail access should be allowed.

416 taking the opportunities away from everyone because some are spoiling  
it, is not the answer. I am willing to speak in public too, if so needed to save Lake  
Lowell!

421 It is imperative that Lake Lowell remains open to all recreational activities.  
I am a Realtor and have many clients living around Lake Lowell. They love the  
wildlife and recreation. The community and SW Idaho only flourish with Lake  
Lowell's wildlife and recreation. I appreciate your help in this matter.

424 Closing Lake Lowell to all types of recreational activities should not be done.

427 I am writing this letter in opposition to the closure of Lake Lowell.As a recreation  
source it keeps people in our community for these activities rather than spending  
there funds in other communities.

428 I am greatly concerned about the talk of closing Lake Lowell in Nampa to boating  
and other forms of recreational activity.

431 Please keep it open to public access and recreation.

432 I definitely favor keeping the lake open for recreational purposes for  
use by the people of this community.

439 Our family has been part of this community for 75 years. We enjoy recreation and  
water sports at Lake Lowell. We enjoy the convenience of Lake Lowell it is less  
than an half mile from our home. Please continue to allow public use of Lake  
Lowell.

440 I am strong proponent of conservation, however, I have seen no impact on that  
area's wildlife out of all my years of spending many summers  
fishing, jogging, picnicking, etc at Lake Lowell. It would be irrational to propose  
such a ban on this important part of citizen's lives.

- 442 As constant source for many hours of education and rec the current economic situation facing people today, denying access to a "PUBLIC OWNED" treasure li this one with its convenient location is rare and should be accessible for everyone who wishes to use it.
- 449 Thinks its crazy to close the lake
- 451 I use the lake to Swim,boat,fish,picnic and Cub Scout day camp. It would be such a shame to not be able to use it any more.
- 453 I believe that closing the lake off would be a public relations nightmare for you. I would urge you to take every step possible to maintain access to all.
- 457 Many happy hours have been spent teaching my grand children how to fish at lake Lowell both from the bank and from the boat. Please fight to leave it open for the public use.
- 468 Please do not close Lake Lowell.
- 470 Please do not close it for public recreation!
- 159 I urge you to not close Lake Lowell for human use. My family and I, along with thousands of others annually, have enjoyed Lake Lowell for decades: from boating & water skiing, to swimming, fishing, picnicking & jogging.
- 473 Application of the appropriateness and compatibility analyses necessary to approve "nonpriority"public uses can be avoided. An implied easement for public recreational use of the surface of Lake Lowell clearly exists, dating back to 1906. Alternatively, Canyon County is willing to voluntarily assume certain obligations incident to fee simple ownership in exchange for the public's continued access to recreational activities on Lake Lowell.
- 476 PLEASE DO NOT DEEM HUMAN RECREATION AS A NON-PRIORITY USE OR ACTIVITY IN DEER FLAT NWR'S CCP
- 479 If Lake Lowell is shut off for people out for fun, it will be a shame. It looks like everyone respects the lake and takes care of it.
- 480 This is based upon my observations. Boating, swimming and other activities in particular has a beneficial impact on the lake by oxygenating the water via the churning of the water during these activities.
- 488 we believe the following activities should continue to be allowed:  
Biking, Dog-walking, Geocaching, Horseback Riding, Jogging, Picnicking, Swimming, Non-motorized Boating (canoeing, kayaking, sailing), Winter activities (ice skating and other ice activities, cross-country skiing)  
Kiteboarding - no opinion

- 495 We use this lake for boating, fishing, swimming, barbequing, etc. It would be devastating to close the lake for recreational use.
- 497 We would like to strongly express our desire for Lake Lowell to remain accessible to the public for recreational use. With times being hard now, there are too few places for families to go to have a good time without spending a fortune. We are hoping you will listen to the will of the people and leave the use of the lake as it has been for 100 years!
- 499 My family and I feel that this would impact the Canyon County community in a negative way. Lake Lowell has been a recreation area for family and friends to go for many years now, in fact, Lake Lowell played a large factor as to why my family and myself bought property within a relatively close proximity to the lake
- 504 Please continue to allow activities on the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge that will encourage the public to enjoy the wildlife and scenery that the refuge provides.
- 505 I am writing to plead with you to please DO NOT CLOSE LAKE LOWELL!!
- 507 I was extremely disappointed to find out that the US Fish and Wildlife is considering shutting down Lake Lowell from recreational use. To me and the vast majority of my constituents, this is simply unacceptable.
- 9 Wants the refuge to stay open for public access.
- 29 Do not close Lake Lowell Please!!
- 529 PLEASE DO NOT STOP RECREATION ON LAKE LOWELL!!
- 530 doesn't want Lake Lowell to close to recreation uses. Wants his future kids to be able to use it.
- 532 I have used lake to water ski, picnic, and watch birds, thinks it would be a shame if his nephews and family would not be able to enjoy it in the future.
- 546 Man made this lake for fishing, hunting, irrigation, etc. To take this away is uncalled for. Close for locals to get to. Bird watching isn't for everyone, just a select few.
- 29 Leave the lake open to all recreation.
- 550 Please keep open, have used Lake Lowell for 30 years.
- 552 Don't Close
- 557 Open up for all people
- 29 We need to keep open to all uses.

- 563 I am visiting from California and absolutely love this area especially Lake Lowell!! Please do not close this facility!!!
- 567 Its wrong to close it because of a few stupid people who live close to it. Screw them.
- 573 Please don't shut down the recreational uses at the lake
- 574 Lake should be for the benefit of everybody, not just wildlife. But want to work out something to allow waterskiing.
- 577 I strongly object to the possible banning of any of the "Non-Priority Uses" of Lake Lowell.
- 581 Closing the Lake would be a true shame. We've used the Lake, both for boating and just enjoying a beach picnic. Please don't shut down public use.
- 583 Please don't close down Lake Lowell. It has good recreation, fishing, family picnics etc. If Lake Lowell gets closed down people would be lost and not have any other great spot to fish or anything. Thank you.
- 584 My family has gone boating there in the past and it is a very nice area. The location is good for boating, fishing, picnics, camping, trails, bird watching, and day use. I would be highly disappointed if Lake Lowell was closed. Please reconsider.
- 29 Please do not close Lake Lowell because there is a lot of family picnic, is to have fun swim drive boat's all that kind of stuff. There is a lot of bird watching, bird hunting, fishing with family and friends. So please do not close Lake Lowell. Please!!!
- 589 Please do not close Lake Lowell. For example, boating, fishing, family picnic, walking paths to explore, bird watching and bird hunting.
- 590 Please don't close Lake Lowell to the public. It is a great place for people to go. It's a great place for family picnics, fishing, boating, and swimming. It's also a good place to bird watch.
- 591 I'm asking you not to close Lake Lowell because it is a very neat place to go with the family and have a picnic. It's also good for fishing and boating and having a good time. It's good for going for a walk and look at the birds. So I would really really appreciate that you wouldn't close lake Lowell.
- 592 This is saddening to me and my classmates, because Lake Lowell is an attraction for boating, fishing, bird watching, hiking, and recreational purposes. I would rather like to inform who ever might read this that we all would LOVE it if Lake Lowell wasn't closed

- 594 I have just recently been informed about the closure of my personal favorite, Lake Lowell. This greatly disappoints me so please do not close the Lake.
- 594 Please do not close Lake Lowell to the public. I for one love to swim and boat at Lake Lowell and I know tons of others who attend the attraction all year long. It's a free fun place to be with your family/friends. So please I ask again, do not close it.
- 595 Please do not close this Lake would take a lot away from a lot of people.
- 597 I am writing this letter to request that you do not close Lake Lowell to the public.
- 598 Please don't close lake Lowell to the public me and my family visit their 3 times a year for boating, for a family picnic, fishing , having a competition, bird watching. It's a great place for a walking and swimming. There is a lot of room so everyone there is not all bunched up.
- 599 I would greatly appreciate if you would not close Lake Lo9well to the public. It is a great place to go swimming and boating
- 600 Please do not close Lake Lowell to the public.
- 601 Save the Lake! PLEASE DON'T CLOSE THE LAKE!
- 602 it's great for boating, fishing, family recreation, etc. So please do not shut down Lake Lowell.
- 603 I don't want Lake Lowell to close. I've never been there and it sounds like a fun place. I hunt and I fish, so if I couldn't go there some day I would be robbed of a great experience.
- 604 Many of us would truly miss having this location to njoy the recreation and the great picnics. It would be greatly appreciated to keep Lake Lowell open to the public to create and keep many great memories.
- 605 It has been brought to my attention that Lake Lowell might be shut down to local access. I would like you to reconsider from doing this. Hearing that it will be closing crushes my heart.
- 606 I truly would appreciate if Lake Lowell would not be shut down for public use.
- 607 I heard that the public access to Lake Lowell is closing and I would like it if it would stay open. Lake Lowell is a great place to go boating, skiing, or swimming. Families enjoy picnics there, along with bird watching, and paths to walk on. Tons of people use it for recreation. Please keep it open to the public for the public.
- 608 I don't think it should be shut down because of all the recreational activities available there, like bird watching, picnicking, walking, boating, ect. Many people would be unhappy and dishearted about the loss of such a useful place.

- 611 Please don't close Lake Lowell because my family and I like to have picnics there.
- 613 I just think its such a shame to close this lake. So many people use it for; recreation, boating, fishing, picnics, the lakes trails, bird watching ect. Please do not close the Lake Lowell.
- 616 Please don't close lake Lowell. Lake Lowell is one of my favorite places to go boating.
- 617 Please don't close lake lowell. Fishing and pickicing are enjoyable things to do there.
- 618 Please do not shut down Lake Lowell. I personly know very many people who do recreation up there. If you close Lake Lowell, many family's will be very disappointed. So please don't close it.
- 619 I wish you would keep it open.I love the duck hunting and its wonderful boating.
- 621 Please don't shut down Lake Lowell. I love to fish, boat, and have picnics there. Lake Lowell is one of my favorite places to go and just relax.
- 622 I wish for you to not close Lake Lowell because my family and I love to fish, boat, and have family picnics there. So please do not close Lake Lowell.
- 623 Please don't close lake Lowell. Me and my family go down there to boat, fish and have bbq this is our family day trips and we go to the place you want to close.
- 624 Please do not close Lake Lowell because it is a good place to fish and I really enjoy fishing. It is also a really good place to go boating which I also enjoy.
- 625 please keep Lake Lowell opening to the public. Thank you.
- 626 I love duck hunting and fishing at Lake Lowell. My family love boating and camping out there. Please don't close it down. My family loves the lake and if you guys close the lake we could really go duck hunting his hunting season.
- 627 Please don't close Lake Lowell. My family and I hold a reunion there every year. It would be dissappointing to have to change location for that. Please keep it open.
- 628 Please don't close Lake Lowell. Many people use this lake for fishing, boating, picnic, and walking paths. It would a bad thing to close it because many people would not be very happy they would be very sad.
- 629 I really hope that you consider not closing the lake it would really be appreciated.
- 630 Please don't close Lake Lowell.

- 631 I think by closing Lake Lowell you will lose many fun activities such as recreation, boating, fishing, hunting. These are fun and important activities that are important to me, and a lot of people in Idaho. I think the local lake should stay open to the public.
- 632 For the sake of who depend on your lake, consider keeping it open.... We're loosing earth contribute to the humans...don't take away.
- 633 I would like it if you guys didn't close it because it is a great recreational lake. It's great for boating, fishing, family picnics, has good walking paths, great bird watching areas and also great for Bird Hunting when its in season.
- 634 I write to say please don't. Lake Lowell is a great place for boating, fishing, and picnics. Its one of my favorite places to be. Lowell has some of the best walking paths I've ever been to. If Lake Lowell was closed down I'd lose one of my favorite places to be and great memories. So I ask please don't close down Lake Lowell.
- 635 Please keep the lake open for recreational uses
- 636 So all I'm asking is for you guys not to close Lake Lowell to people. It's a part of nature and why not let people enjoy it?
- 638 I 'm writing to ask you to not close the Lake to the public due to loss of funding. The Lake provides an excellent source of activities such as fishing, boating, picnics, and bird watching ect
- 639 Lake Lowell is a great and pretty Lake where we can go fishing, bird hunting, family picnic and more, that's why we want to tell you please don't close this pretty lake to us.
- 640 Even though I live in Payette I would gladly appreciate it that you would not close down Lake Lowell. Many of us enjoy the pleasure the lake gives us whether it be just for spending time with family and friends or just visiting the lake. Once again I would like to see the lake stay open.
- 641 Feels like the lake needs to stay open to recreational uses for the public.
- 644 I just happened to learn that they were thinking of shutting Lake Lowell down to the public. I really believe that is a bad idea
- 646 Don't close Lake Lowell because it is very important to the public to have recreational areas
- 647 Ever since I was a little girl I have been boating and jet skiing with all my family. So I'm asking please do not close it down.
- 649 Lake Lowell offers boating, fishing, bird watching, outdoor beauty and much more. I ask that you keep this open to the public and keep it enjoyable to everyone.

- 651 Please do not close Lake Lowell. There are many people who enjoy the things you can do and the Lake. They enjoy things like boating, fishing, picnics, the walking paths. So you should really consider keeping it open to the public.
- 652 Please do not close Lake Lowell. Many people have enjoyed the recreation, boating, fishing, family picnics and walking paths, and bicycle paths. If you close Lake Lowell many people will be disappointed.
- 653 I ask of you to keep this great resource open.
- 654 I would appreciate if you did not close Lake Lowell from the public. All kinds of people have fun there. It is not only me that wants this. My whole class wishes that you keep it open.
- 655 I sincerely ask that you do not shut Lake Lowell down to the public. My family enjoys going there every year, and it is a great place for recreation, fishing, boating, and many more spectacular sights. So I am asking. Please do not shut it down it is one of our families greatest fishing and boating areas.
- 657 Lake Lowell has been an enjoyment as well as a privilege to visit. Closing it to the public would take that away from generations to come. Please keep it open.
- 659 From a recreation lovers POV, the plan to close off Lake Lowell to the public is a bad one. With all of the recreational activities it provides. It would be a shame to close Lake Lowell
- 660 Please don't close down the recreation. We really like it. Its so fun and cool.
- 661 Please don't close Lake Lowell. It's a very important recreation site for families all over Idaho. With its closing how can we teach generations to enjoy and appreciate the wonder and beauty of nature?
- 662 I'd ask that you think about keeping it open because with the new generation we need more activities that keep children entertained. With all the boating, fishing, and the walking paths people are more likely to stay away from bad stuff along with all the terrific things offered by this lake. I think shutting it down would just be uncalled for.
- 664 Please don't close down Lake Lowell. A lot of us go there with our boats and go fishing. We go on walks and we can have family get togethers. I would appreciate it if you would it if you would not close it down.
- 666 do not close it!
- 667 In my opinion I think you should not close down Lake Lowell. It's a great place to hang out, fish, go boating, walking on a lovely path for exercise and be with your loved ones and have a picnic and much more!

- 669 Please keep lake Lowell open because I think that is the best thing to do. Also you can spend time with your family and have a great time like go fishing, boating, barbecues and enjoy nature. There is also a walking paths for all the athletic people who like runnin or walking. Well again I would really like to ask you this favor because I think I the best thing to do.
- 670 I ask that you not close Lake Lowell to the public. It is a great place for boating, fishing, family picnics, walking paths, bird watching, and other recreational activities.
- 671 I would like to ask you not to close Lake Lowell for the public. It's an awesome place for doing fun stuff like recreation, boating, fishing, family picnics, walking path, bird observing and a lot more. That's why every body would really miss this great opportunity.
- 672 We the public ask please do not close down Lake Lowell. It been a recreational place for friends and family where many people do pinic, fish, swim and even boating.
- 673 Lake Lowell is an amazing fishing and hiking area, the wildlife and recreation are great. I know scores of people who enjoy boating and especially enjoy bird watching in that area. I've picnicked there before and I had a great time and will be sorely irked if Lake Lowell is closed off.
- 674 All the fishing, boating, family picnics are good activities to do there. So please I ask you to reconsider this.
- 675 I would like to tell you guys to not close down Lake Lowell. I think it's a good place for people to enjoy and have a good time. It's a good area were people are able to do many activities like boating and fishing. Please do not close this lake down.
- 684 Please consider this letter as strong support of continued public use at Deerflat National Wildlife Refuge. Specifically, boating (motorized and non-motorized), swimming, and picnicking.
- 685 We oppose the loss of shared use of Lake Lowell that our family and many others have enjoyed for several decades. We appreciate a safe place for families to use.
- 691 I think it should be open because it's a fun lake that you can go swimming in and recreation.
- 382 Leave the Lake open to everything.
- 706 I would like to ask that you NOT close the Lake Lowell.
- 712 Please do not hurt our economy, put a strain on families and take away from our future generations, keep Lake Lowell open to the public!!!!

- 715 Please keep the lake open to recreation.
- 716 It would be beneficial to the population of people in this area to allow Lake Lowell to be used for recreational purposes in addition to that of wildlife preservation.
- 29 Opposed to closing lake from rec use.
- 29 Don't want Lake Lowell rec uses to be taken away.

## **Economic Impact**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
40	There are many rumors of motor restrictions on lake lowell. I believe that, if implemented could have a large effect on many local businesses.
71	He feels that limiting recreational use to the lake would cause a huge economic downturn for the surrounding businesses. He taught his kids to fish and love water sports and want to pass that knowledge along.
87	Taking this away will hurt Canyon County's economy heavily.
98	Last point being Canyon County residents need Lake Lowell to enjoy in all the ways it has been. Both as quality of life and fiscal health as well.
106	With the current financial condition of the country, Lake Lowell provides daily multi use opportunities for individuals and groups to have a place to go.
115	I have had people purchase a home in a Canyon County just to be able to enjoy the recreational activities on the lake. Many households have purchased boats and other motorized vehicles for family fun on the lake. With the drastic change in the economy it would be a burden for these families to enjoy their recreational vehicles in other areas, ie., fuel cost. There would be a considerable loss of income to area businesses.
125	Also what about all the business that depend on boat owners for theyre income in canyon county, if the lake were closed to boats they would suffer if not go out of business and we cant afford to have less jobs in the area!!!
129	The Lake serves mankind in many ways – jobs and recreation.
29	Many families recreate at the lake as it is close. Taking the Lake away may cause youth and parents to do less activities together and youth and peers to do more activities together.
136	Lake Lowell is a wonderful asset to our community and has attracted us to use it and attracts others from around us to the community that bring revenue. It would have a huge impact on a already struggling economy.
138	Activities at the lake are good for the economy. Believes Nampa can't afford this economic loss
57	The lake closure would be detrimental to the local economy
150	Don't ignore the economic impacts on the local area. These should be analyzed and weighed into any decisions.

- 155 The closing of Lake Lowell will NOT benefit the people, it will NOT stimulate the economy, and it will definitely NOT help create jobs. It will hurt the economy of Nampa, it will take away jobs and add to Idaho's unemployment, It will lower property values, that are already dropping dramatically.
- 160 The economic impact this affords to Canyon County is necessary, especially in lieu of the current economic decline.
- 29 In these hard times when there isnt enough cash flow for people to evan take there family out to the movies they can put a few dollars
- 29 Also the community has build many resources to support the Non-priority Public Uses on Lake Lowell and the loss of those resources and amenities would be great in many ways.
- 29 what about the revenue it generates for the surrounding businesses arnt they having a hard enough time making ends meet without this hard ship. what about all the people who bought there house because of the convenience
- 176 These activities have also contributed to the economy of Canyon County.
- 202 The ECONOMY would take another hit with loss of sales taxes (on New & USED BOATS , Boat related GEAR & snacks & Picnic Stuff)). In addition Fuel taxes & fees on Boats & trailers would decrease as well..Not to mention the tax's on fuel for the Towing Vehicle. Many people on this side of the valley may go to the Lake OWYHEE Reservoir. If they do they will be helping OREGON OUT since they will purchasing Fuel & Misc ~ OUTSIDE OF IDAHO.. I really hope Lake Lowell stays open it SERVES A VITALFUNCTION FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY & COMMUNITY..
- 206 It seems to me that after all these years of non-wildlife related activities taking place on the lake, putting restrictions on the lake would not have much affect on the wildlife but would have a huge impact on the people that enjoy the non-wildlife activities...not to mention the lose of tax dollars received from the licensing of boats. In
- 210 Many local folks just don't have the time or means to travel to McCall or Bruneau, etc., to enjoy the water.
- 226 As a elected official of the city of Nampa it would also be harmful to commercial boating enterprise.
- 232 I spend a lot of time on the lake and have very little money to go very far away to fish, swim and boat.

- 243 The economic impacts that will result from boaters not being able to use this resource, will burden an economy that is already struggling. Local stores will suffer because purchases of food, beverage, fuel, water-toys, life preservers, and watercraft will all be adversely affected by the new proposed regulations
- 29 IT WILL SERIOUSLY IMPACT THE COUNTIES FINANCIAL WELLBEING.
- 262 Restriction of the many so-called non-priority activities will make major changes to families and, especially, to related businesses.
- 271 SAVE LAKE LOWELL !  
The Common Sense Big Six:Create income for local businesses  
  
(this person created their own big six)
- 272 It is a great asset to the entire treasure valley both economically and for recreation.
- 274 By closing this lake you are doing nothing but hurting the community and it's economy all around this area.
- 287 Without access to the lake with our boat there would be no reason to keep the boat. We would no longer shop at the boat shops or stop at the businesses to pick up fuel and snacks for our outings.
- 288 This would be a big hit to the local economy if the people are not allowed to use this area.
- 294 Boating and other non-wildlife recreation is important to the population and economy of Canyon and nearby counties.
- 298 In a time where  
the economy is bad and there are a lot of families without jobs why do you have to shut down a lake that provides close in recreation.
- 325 Recreational activities such as boating, swimming and picnicking have historically proven beneficial to the viability of Lake Lowell as a center of economic activity for Canyon County. This economic activity also provides greater resources for preservation activities.
- 334 Recreational activities on the lake have a great impact on the city both economically and culturally
- 329 It would be a great loss to the community and revenue to the local business owners.
- 377 The revenue it generates, as well as businesses who depend on those who use it, will suffer and likely not recover, if we can no longer use and enjoy it as we have.

- 401 The Lake brings a lot of economic value to the area. People buy boats, fishing equipment and picnic supplies in Nampa and Caldwell. Family and friends come from outside the area using motel, restaurants and other things in the community. It will be a great hardship to lose the Lake for recreational purposes
- 402 I am writing to ask you not to close Lake Lowell. I am concerned about what it would do to the local economy. We will lose revenue brought to our town from recreational activities everyone enjoys at Lake Lowell
- 404 I know that is not a lot but if you look at the potentially hundreds or possibly thousands of registrations in Canyon County that do the same, well you can imagine the financial impact that could have on the funds available to this area.
- 407 A Canyon County commissioner has stated that motorized uses of the lake generate over 20 million in economic activity but provides no basis to support this claim. I doubt if the economic activity by this lake exceeds a million dollars per year, and that would include all of the uses, including priority uses.
- 29 The county cannot afford to shut down the lake it will cause great hardship on the people who over the years have helped with the refuge.
- 419 Except as described above I believe current uses should continue to be allowed and provided for, in consideration of the financial impact and spiritual well-being of the surrounding community that supports wildlife management funding through the purchase of licenses and hunting/fishing gear.
- 424 The money that we put into Marsing's economy will stop due to the fact we will have to resort to hunting water fowl out of the fields, and will not have a need for our boats anymore.
- 462 By closing the lake you just add it to the area's of no use for humans and great harm to the local economy.
- 466 I feel that the economic impact of sending boats and other water lovers elsewhere with their dollars would be very deleterious to the Nampa area.
- 473 maintenance of the traditional recreational uses of Lake Lowell is critical to the County's financial and cultural well-being.
- 475 I disagree with your plan and I think your plan will impact Canyon County's economy greatly without seen benefits to the Refuge.
- 476 The economic impacts of discontinuing recreation on the NWR would also be disastrous to many small businesses and individuals. Jobs and revenues would be lost. I know the Lake Lowell Market and gas station on Riverside Rd would struggle to stay open without recreationists coming to the lake.

171 If you close the lake, we will lose money to the economy and families, churches  
and scout activities will have to look elsewhere or have nowhere else to have their  
big events.

490 to lose boating and other recreation at the lake would be a crushing blow to county  
businesses and families

496 Limiting or prohibiting activities that require motorized watercraft would deny  
local residents of several of the objectives the agency supposedly considers  
"priority uses", as well as cripple the local economy.

507 Recreation is crucial to the economy of Canyon County. At a time where the nation  
is in a recession and Canyon County is experiencing an unemployment rate of over  
10%, this seems a particularly bad time to discuss eliminating an entire industry in  
our area.

508 Not to mention the negative economic impact that this area now faces with the  
current recession.

515 Also, the local gas stations would definitely lose money without the revenue  
generated from Lake Lowell's visitors.

29 If you close it you will put more people out of work and cause a hardship to the  
community.

522 I would also like to address the loss of income to our valley if these activities are  
banned from the lake. There are numerous businesses that will cease to exist  
without the recreational users to Lake Lowell.

524 One could say that the local economy may go down because of people like myself  
would have to find other areas for my hobbies which could cause small businesses  
to shut down.

527 This will affect ALL of us. That will result in losing businesses. We will lose  
revenue—revenue that residually affects the refuge. That will affect your budget  
dollars.

29 Economic and social impact will be felt all over the valley.

540 Leave lake open to the public and minimize the impact to the local economy.

543 Community & economy depend on this resource.

29 Financial impact will be great.

614 Recreation may be one of the primary sources of income in Idaho. We would be  
losing a valuable resource in the closing of Lake Lowell.

682 If the boating and other uses are shut down this will have significant economic  
impact to canyon county.

- 685 We agree with others that the economic impact will damage our local communities if this privilege is lost.
- 692 I have grave concerns with the local impact that closing Lake Lowell to boating. Not only will this effect our economy but it take away many of the activities that our family enjoys doing here locally and have been doing for the past 40 years of my lifetime.
- 29 I believe any further restrictions would not improve conservation of fish, animals, or the environment but would reek havoc on our struggling economy.
- 129 Access to this lake is very important to the people of this Valley! It means jobs in additions to recreation.
- 712 Many businesses in the area depend on the lake for revenue
- 713 The lake generates important revenue. Many businesses that are dependent on those who utilize it, will suffer and likely not recover, if recreation as we have known it, is terminated. The trickle down effects will devastate this community which is already suffering, given the current economic climate.
- 715 My family and friends visit the lake many times each year. It is a staple to the community and the economic health of the area.

### **Education and Outreach**

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| 114       | Swimming, boating, and most anything else that gets people and especially kids out on the water is promotive of wildlife and the environment. The exposure to nature will engender an appreciation for it.  |
| 165       | Providing recreational fishing, boating activities, picnicking, biking, jogging in community and urban environments not only provides wholesome recreational opportunities, but also provides exposure and involvement with wildlife and their habitats that leads to greater awareness and appreciation for the need to conserve our natural resources |
| 203       | I would highly recommend that you provide education and outreach to all user groups in promoting responsible shared use of the refuge, which will not negatively impact the wildlife that is already abundant at the refuge   |

## Fee Implementation

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
39	As much as I love the free boat ramp I would pay a few dollars to launch. That money could be used for conservation related activities and fish stock. Better yet, use that money to find a way to control the algae growth that happens every summer. Build a picnic pavilion and charge to use it. Have paid, organized bird watching expeditions on and around the lake. Have a significant fishing tournament to draw attention to the lake.
54	They wonder if a fee station would help with the decision?
35	Would rather pay fee than see it closed down.
111	If there is a specific negative impact that boats are having on wildlife, or fish, I would suggest alternatives....  -Boat Launch Fees (To generate money for habitat enhancement)
35	If it becomes difficult to justify swimming & boating on the lake, then it may be advisable to establish a low fee for such use whereby the fee is used for the benefit of wildlife .
148	I think with some changes, additional money could be raised and service hours provided to help manage and support the Deer Flat Refuge. Although it may not be popular to charge for boating, it probably needs to happen
151	I believe a fee for access similar to Lucky Peak (2-5) dollars per car that use the lake would be a satisfactory compromise, not only for boats but park users as well. The money could be used for the wildlife management and refuge improvement.
177	Create a yearly launch fee or usage fee for all boats and jet-skis (motors above 25 hp). A pass (a sticker on the hull) must be purchased in order to use the lake or a launch fee. Proceeds will go to wildlife preservation and refuge improvements.
250	Perhaps if a fee pass system were implemented for use of areas like trails & picnic sites it would help limit traffic and pay for habitat improvements in less accessible areas of the refuge.
271	SAVE LAKE LOWELL ! The Common Sense Big Six:Continue receiving revenue from recreational fees  (this person created their own big six)
278	We are willing to work with all involved to come to a solution to keep Lake Lowell accessible to those of us who appreciate it. Perhaps officials could charge a fee for entrance. When you pay for something, you tend to appreciate it more!

- 391 If motorized boats are allowed to use the lake, an annual fee or license should be required. An annual fee should be charged for anyone accessing the public areas of the refuge. Too many people leave their trash around and this fee would help offset the cost of cleaning up the garbage
- 417 The refuge itself said that we are not hurting the wildlife by being out there, but that we don't contribute either. Why not charge a parking fee to use the lake?
- 429 maybe a a day use fee for upgrades to buildings boat docks wildlife habitat. closing the lake for activities people use the area for everyday a pay to play area gets my vote not stopping most activities
- 453 I believe that a permit be required to use the refuge for recreation and hunting. I do not believe that a user fee would be unreasonable.
- 492 It is my suggestion that Lake Lowell charge \$5.00 per registered vehicle. This means that in my case I would pay \$5.00 for my truck and \$5.00 for my boat, or \$10.00 each time I go to lake Lowell. If I was pulling two jet skis I would have to pay \$15.00 each time I came to the lake.
- 508 Additional fees can also be used to expand and add educational opportunities for not only children but for the general public.
- 511 I believe that there should be a fee to go to the lake for recreational purposes, That way it keeps the community in the area safe from people who abuse and cause problems.
- 521 I strongly disagree with the proposal to stop recreation on the lake and the underhanded method with which this whole process has gone about.
- 29 If it's about money let me pay a boat fee to fish.
- 575 I also believe you should charge for use of the Lake and save irrigation.
- 588 If it is because there is not enough money then maybe you guys can charge like a five dollar fee for parking, and maybe also another five dollar fee for a day pass.
- 590 If you really have no way of getting funds, you should charge \$5 a car. That isn't too expensive and it's a good way to earn enough money.
- 724 Opposed to any charge for recreation.

### **Horseback Riding**

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| 133 | should have horseback riding  |
| 169 | Horseback riding and dog walking are not wildlife dependent. They also leave a lot of poop behind.  |
| 29  | My input has to do with horseback riding and parking. Seems the only place you can ride is at Tio but the parking lot is very small and paved, neither good for horses and trailers. If you want to limit horses to this area, it would be very helpful to have a place to park that doesn't interfere with cars. Also, is there any time frame the east side of Tio will be open for riding? |

### **Increase impact to other reservoirs**

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| 128 | Not fair to close Lake Lowell and not other water places such as Lucky Peak, Arrowrock, Cascade, Payette Lake, Black Canyon, House Thief and CJ Strike.  |
| 158 | Rather a closure would force existing users into other areas thereby causing more potential damage to those other areas.   |
| 246 | The next closest body of water for boating is Lucky Peak and that place is already out of control with the wake boarding and wake surfing boats.   |
| 258 | Closing the lake will not help "save the environment" it will simply transfer the problem to a new lake or wild life reserve, and along with the new problem will be another problem of larger gas consumption and car emissions just to get to a further away lake. |
| 713 | Neighboring lakes and reservoirs can not adequately accommodate the overflow. The results could be catastrophic, greatly impacting our area, which hurt the people who live here and benefit from it.  |
| 726 | Any additional restrictions on Lake Lowell will only increase the danger levels for people at these other lakes. How about thinking about and putting the value of actual human lives and families ahead of animals for a change.                                    |

### Increase Restrictions

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
19	Jogging & dog walking, mountain biking, horseback riding should be restricted to roads. Walking (individual and small groups) maybe not – except for sensitive areas which would restrict all access.
48	Likes the idea that we put wildlife first. Said that people will have to understand that as the population grows there will be more restrictions.
104	I would like to see Deerflat compromise by eliminating noise IE radio, cell phones, motors of all kinds and thus providing peace, an escape.
189	Plan must include strong reductions in some types of current recreational uses to meet that compatibility requirement.
238	Thinks the lake should be shared but there needs to be restrictions. Said in 1978 there was thousands of ducks and now there isn't near as many. Not as many deer around either
390	Would like to see an increase of restrictions to keep lake better managed.
419	I would like to see a restriction on the use of audio sound systems within the entire refuge at all times. Sound carries extremely well across the water. If the mega-sound systems that are common on powerboats these days are disturbing to other people (and they are) they must surely be disturbing to wildlife.
471	The following non-priority public uses should not be allowed on the refuge: motorized boating, personal watercraft, kiteboarding, geocaching, paintball shooting, dog-walking, horseback riding, biking, sailing, and waterskiing/tubing as these activities are not related to the wildlife.
498	We need to limit the use of this once great refuge by allowing only certain types of boats on it, and the number allowed on the lake at one time. If it is to be a refuge, then let's respect it as such. There are other places not too far off where people can take their large boats to accommodate speed and noise. If it is indeed a wildlife habitat refuge, then let's get back to the basics and respect it as such.
29	People don't understand what a wildlife refuge means. Public is being selfish and they should think about sharing with wildlife. Lake Lowell should be left for the wildlife.

## **Jogging**

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| 74  | He and his son love to run on the trails every morning. Don't want these trails to go away.   |
| 430 | He is concerned that running these trails will go away because the cross country teams are no longer allowed to come here.  |
| 444 | I would like to see a policy change to allow reasonable group use of the refuges' trail system, specifically to local high school and college Cross-Country teams, for on-trail practices. Therecent exclusion of these teams' ability to occasionally run these trails as a team practice contradicts decades of history and essentially eliminates the only off-road training area of this kind in the county. This team activity has virtually no impact on wildlife, and exclusion is not in the best interest of the public. |
| 728 | would like to see a policy change to allow resonable group use of the refuges' trail system, specifically to local high school and college cross-country teams, for on-trail team practices.  |

### **Lake Important for Family Activites**

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29	Lake Lowell has been an intricate part of families for generations. It's a place of peace, education, and fun. Do not take away the lake from our local families.
40	It also allows people the optortunity to spend quality time with there families in the outdoors.
54	Our family has enjoyed outings to the Lake for picnicking, walking, biking, and wading in the Lake on hot summer days.
65	Lake Lowell is one of the best places to have fun with your family regardless of the times and It should stay that way.
71	I learned the basics of boat fishing at Lake Lowell catching yellow belly catfish and perch and likewise I taught my children the basic of boat fishing and water skiing at Lake Lowell, and my son is teaching his children the basic of both fishing and water skiing at Lake Lowell.
80	.It is the closest body of water that provides both recreational activities such as water skiing and fishing in our area. It is a tradition that serves as a foundation for many families.
87	Chose to live in this area because of the recreation uses at the lake. Doesn't want them to go away for the sake of the community and impact it will have on the recreational businesses.
112	Last weekend, we had a wonderful family reunion at Lake Lowell. Our activities included making sandcastles, playing ball at the park, picnicking, swimming, napping, waterskiing, and tubing. memories were made that will last all of our lives.
115	There are not very many outdoor activities for families in the Canyon County area. Closing Lake Lowell to motorized boating would be very disappointing for our community. Not to mention that some families would no longer be able to use their recreational vehicle anymore.
138	Lake Lowell is a great place for families to build relationships which in turn can create a better and safer community. Many outdoor lessons can be learned ex: appreciation for wildlife, spending time outside, being active.
57	Families working and playing together is what keeps a community strong. Closing the lake would stop the main activities for families in Nampa and Caldwell. Lake provides activities for their church and many cant afford to travel but they can go to the lake 3x a week.

- 139 Safe place to bring family. Provides safe activity for families. Please do not close lake.
- 147 I have two grandsons and we have been fishing Lake Lowell 2 to 3 times per week for the last 5 years. Both their parents work and I get the privilege of being with them during school vacation. Time with your grandchildren equals memories that last forever.
- 148 I and my family have enjoyed numerous activities for decades at Lake Lowell. Recreation at Lake Lowell such as water skiing, wake boarding, and swimming has helped us raise not only our own children, but has helped us spend quality time with numerous children while at the lake. Spending time in a boat close together provides important teaching opportunities that seem almost impossible anywhere else.
- 153 It is such a wonderful family place and I would hate to see families not able to have that outlet of such a wonderful place to have fun.
- 154 Lowell has been a place to have fun family events to many families. It's also a great place where several community have the opportunity of enjoying it's waters. My family and I use it all year long with several other families. Please don't close it to!!!
- 155 Above all, It will take away another opportunity for families to spend quality time together while enjoying outdoor activities.
- 188 My family and I have been using the lake for many years. We are boaters/water skiers and were crushed to hear about possible plans to eliminate boating. Our family has many fond memories of family time, great celebrations and water play connected "
- 210 Lake Lowell has been a wonderful place for families to enjoy the water for years and years
- 213 I often take one of my three grandchildren to fish with me. I feel it is important to pass on the joys of the outdoor life to my grandchildren and their friends.
- 216 If Lake Lowell is taken away from the public you will diminish everyone's quality of life including the animals. Any and all animals that live in this area are there knowing full well that humans are around.
- 29 Family uses the lake.
- 29 The lake is used by so many families for boating, fishing, and picnicking that not being able to use it for these purposes any more would be devastating to our community. Using the lake is a pretty inexpensive way for families to be able to enjoy some recreation that is inexpensive.

246 This is very close and accessible to my home and has brought thousands of hours of family fun for me, my wife, four daughters, my father, mother ... the list goes on and on.

253 we determined that one of the best ways to provide a wholesome recreational activity for our children and their spouses would be to take them boating.

263 My family enjoy stopping by Lake Lowell on Mother's Day especially. Watching the ducks, etc swim in the darkening shadows and the children tossing stones in at the water's edge is a great family time.

266 There have been only a handful of years that my family has not schedule an activity at the lake. This equal to the 100 year history of the lake and spanning four generations of my family. Growing up around and on Lake Lowell I have watched both wide life and recreational uses flourish.

272 Me and my family use the area at least twice a week for boating, swimming, and fishing through out the summer

299 Please don't take another activity away from our families that enjoy it so much. In this day and age we need places like this to take our families.

312 We enjoy our lake and all it has to offer our families,don,t take that away from us.

316 In other words, outdoor recreational oppportunities are important to the health of the family unit.

318 If you look every weekend during the summer there are many families enjoying the shaded park grounds or playing in the water to cool off.Families unite to take the boat out or to Jet Skii a place close enough for easy access without driving thirty minutes to do so

29 for family enjoyment/ time together.

29 Don't take the lake away from people who use it the most. Family goes every weekend.

329 How can people justify the shutting down of Lake Lowell for wildlife refuge when so many people use it for family gatherings, boating, picnicking and fishing.

395 Please do not enact any laws or regulations which would wreck my relationship with my family members as we have enjoyed the Lake for many years and would like to for many more.

410 . I have a family and every weekend of this closing summer we have been there enjoying the water, barbecue's, boating and water activities.

- 417 Lake Lowell gives our family the opportunity to spend quality time together and teach our kids about nature and the fun of a recreational sport. Please don't take that away from a future generation that is growing up on television, computers and video games. Let them grow up being excited about nature and our natural resources!
- 422 Please do not close Lake Lowell. We enjoy going there with our grandchildren. The lake is wonderful for fishing, picnicking, swimming and just all around family enjoyment. Please, please do something to repeal this decision to close the lake.
- 426 This lake is more to our family than what meets the eye. I would stand up for the rights to have people and wild life living together at Lake Lowell.
- 428 Please do not take this away from our family
- 436 Should recreation so close to home be taken away our family's quality of life would be severely affected. Please reconsider any banning of recreational activities
- 437 My family and I have enjoyed boating and picnicking at Lake Lowell for many years. We really like how close to Nampa and Caldwell it is. It's very nice to go out there after a long day of work and unwind and enjoy the scenery. Please don't take that away from us!
- 463 We have many wonderful memories of boating and picnicking here at Lake Lowell. It would be wrong if boating was limited or restricted. Our opportunities to enjoy the wildlife with our children would be eliminated and it would be a great loss
- 476 spending an evening at a picnic at Lake Lowell is one of the last affordable activities for large families to do in the area. Lake Lowell is culturally important to me, my family, my community, and all of Canyon County.
- 171 I am writing in regards to the Lake being closed permantly to boaters and picnics. I feel it would be a terrible thing to do this, because there are alot of church, family and scouting activities that take place on that lake and the park.
- 489 The lake was put in by the public, for the public and should remain with the public. To label the use of Lake Lowell "non-priority" in unacceptable. For the many generations of families who have enjoyed the lake, and for the many visiting family members and friends who have enjoyed it, its use is certainly a "high priority"
- 492 Since moving to Idaho two years ago, we have spent many hours as a family enjoying the lake. I have also taken many teenage youth and young adults to this lake for good clean fun.

- 495 Please keep it open so all of our families have  
some place that's affordable, and not only that but enjoyable and convenient!
- 507 My family has used the lake for fishing and water sports for three generations.
- 510 The lake affords our family, and many others, low cost activities that are essential  
to a good quality of life.
- 515 Lake Lowell provides us with convenient access to quality family time, and  
memories that will last forever!
- 29 If you take away the lake you take away time with family and friends .Every  
summer since i was little we went to the lake. We would go swimming, boating,  
fishing, and enjoy a nice lunch off the beach.
- 536 Families enjoy the outdoors, the lake and have a strong awareness of the value the  
refuge provides to waterfowl.
- 543 Lake Lowell is very important for family activities.
- 29 It's a great place for family outings.
- 29 Family will be very upset if you take away our rights to swim and boat at Lake  
Lowell.
- 566 My family uses the lake for walks, pinics + swimming. It would be a real tragity to  
have it closed down. I even saw familys using the beach to do easter this year.
- 582 There are great picnic spots for my family.
- 585 I think that you should not close Lake Lowell to the public, because there's good  
places for family picnics. And family is important to me. We do everything  
together. Boating is a good family activity, it get's everyone involved.
- 588 It would be horrible if you closed Lake Lowell to the public, because we love to go  
there and swim, and have family picnics, and I see so many people there all of the  
time
- 597 It is a great place for families to come together and have a picnic, or go bird  
watching. Closing Lake Lowell is depriving us of a place where families can go to  
enjoy the beauty of nature and enjoy all of the activities that the park offers. Please  
keep Lake Lowell open to the public.
- 599 a lot of families enjoy having picnic and fishing and just walking around the area  
and enjoying the beautiful view. So please do not close Lake Lowell to the public.
- 600 The Lake there is beautiful, and it's a great place for a family to spend a day. It's a  
fun place to swim at, and go fish on the water.

- 609 People go to watch birds in the spring, have family picnics in the summer, and also to play out in the water on boats and to fish. My entire family has been to Lake Lowell. So if you would please take my letter and everyone's else in consideration to keep Lowell open please and thank you.
- 610 Many people do use this area for family activities. This keeps families together whether it is fishing, boating or families coming here for picnics. Please keep it open.
- 612 Please don't close lake Lowell. It's a place for families to bond and have fun with nature. Lake Lowell is a place for families to kick back and relax and do thinks like go bird hunting, bird watching, tubing, boating, fishing, go on walking paths and have family picnics.
- 615 Please don't close lake Lowell. It's a place for families to bond and enjoy what they love doing like boating, fishing, and hunting.
- 620 Lake Lowell has been a place of fun for my family for many years. We use it for boating and fishing all the time. It would be a shame for it to close down. So please keep it open.
- 624 please don't close it. It is also a good place for family picnic.
- 636 A lot of families also like to get together and go have a family picnic there. Some families have been going there for a while and maybe it's the only place they really enjoy.
- 637 The things that were interesting were the recreation the boating because who doesn't like to boat and the fishing. The nice picnic places to hang out with family and friends and the walking paths for those people that like walk and have a nice day out in the sun. The other things were the birds which you can see a lot of them so please don't close Lake Lowell its looks like an interesting place to go to and just have fun.
- 642 I'm asking you to please not close Lake Lowell to the public because there are so many people that enjoy going there. The best thing about Lake Lowell is that families always get together there and hang out because it is very pretty and peaceful there. I'm asking you to please keep it open to the public because people will miss out on fun things
- 642 I'm asking you to please not close Lake Lowell because I love the place there is so many thing I do there like boating, fishing, walking, hunting, and just hanging out there with my family.
- 645 I would like it if you wouldn't close Lake Lowell because a lot of people like it there and I would like to keep fishing their.Me and my famlie love to go for walks and go fishing their. We love to have picnics there and it would be horrible to have us and many others loose that privilage.

- 648 Please do not close down Lake Lowell. This a place that a lot of people have had memorys at. My family has had a lot of family picnics there and it would be very depressing to see it close down. Please don't close this wonderful place down.
- 650 I believe that Lake Lowell should be kept open because it's a good family place for recreational activities such as swimming, boating, fishing, and the occasional family picnic. By taking this away from the public you will be putting a stop generations of family fun so please don't take it away.
- 656 Pleaase do not close Lake Lowell. It's recreation is so great. I love boating while I fish. And when our family gets off we all love to picnic there. Enjoying the birds fly. And end it with my husband on the walking path.
- 663 I think you should keep Lake Lowell open because it's a good place for families to camp and to have picnics because there aren't very many dangerous animals up there.
- 665 Every weekend me and my family goes to the Lake Lowell, to play, fhishing, watch the birds flying etc...So, please don't close the lake.
- 674 I ask you please that you don't close down Lake Lowell because it is a good place for the people to have with their families
- 676 It's a great place for families to spend time together. They can have picnic's, they can go fishing, they can even take the boats out on the Lake. It's a place that a couple can take walks together and make their relationship grow. It's great for bird watching.
- 689 People built it they should be able to use it for a place to take there family's for a day of enjoyment it is close for people to go there from town.
- 692 I have grave concerns with the local impact that closing Lake Lowell to boating. Not only will this effect our economy but it take away many of the activities that our family enjoys doing here locally and have been doing for the past 40 years of my lifetime.
- 706 My family and many many others have grown up on that Lake and enjoyed the beauty and recreation that is provides. This is the only recreational spot that is close to Caldwell and Nampa and we enjoy having it in our back yards for use. PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE IT DOWN.
- 700 My family and I enjoy Lake Lowell several times a month. We have spent hours with our family boating, picnicking and watching the wildlife.
- 723 Lake is important to her for family activities

### **Man-made lake, not a refuge**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
29	.So who really thinks this is a good idea sure it may be great for the wildlife but is that what Lake Lowell was built for I mean it is man made is it not.
192	It is a man-made reservoir built for the needs of the surrounding community.
207	This lake was made for irrigation, not for being a refuge.
29	It is a man made lake,
262	The original purpose of the dam was for irrigation; the secondary purpose, dictated by the government, was to save the wildlife.
268	The lake is man-made and was originally built to provide irrigation to farmer. The wildlife refuge was added later.
275	This lake is a man made lake (so we are letting the wildlife use our lake) and is just fine as is and the recreationists are only on the lake 5-6 months at most
452	Please let's remember why Lake Lowell was created in the first place. It was to serve PEOPLE'S needs. Like farmers who NEEDED to irrigate their crops. It wasn't supposed to place animals & wild-life ahead of the interests of HUMANS. Please let's keep it that way. Realize HUMANS are more important than wild-life. Allow PEOPLE to continue enjoying what their taxes pay for.
576	Let's not forget that the lake was built for farmers and irrigation first, not for birds.
679	Lake should be kept for irrigation. Should be controlled by BOC
683	Lake Lowell was built for irrigation purposes, not for a wildlife refuge.
712	This lake was built for irrigation purposes not wild life.
725	Defends the farmer's lake. They have the right to use the lake however they want. Refuge should consider families and people before birds.

### **No wake zones**

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225	Perhaps more "no wake" zones could be established in areas where nesting occurs and fines be incurred when boaters do not adhere to that.

### Other

#### **ID Comment**

- 175 keeping trails open for running, walking (dogs/pets MUST be leashed), hiking and horseback riding,
- 208 We understand and respect the intentions of the wildlife sanctuary, but we feel it can be used as both a reservoir for recreational purposes, while also respecting the local habitat of the many birds, fish and other animals which reside there.
- 287 I have never witnessed anyone on the lake or in the picnic area that have caused problems for the wildlife.
- 29 Rules and regulations currently in place need to go away.

### Partition Uses

#### **ID Comment**

- 29 The lake in 10,000 acres - it can be partitioned to accommodate both people and wildlife.
- 111 If there is a specific negative impact that boats are having on wildlife, or fish, I would suggest alternatives....  
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Close a portion of the lake
- 153 really hope through all this we can find a solution that benefits people and animals I feel there is no reason to close it down to the public use but many reasons to keep it open.
- 158 if it were possible to isolate real man caused impacts on the area than a partial closure may be order whether it be an area of closure or a time related closure. But to shut down the whole area to all uses seems like a major overkill.
- 188 If there were an area that was off limits to boats that left we humans somewhere to play and supported the refuge, but to eliminate boating all together would be outright WRONG!!!
- 208 Although we disagree with the final intentions of closing the reservoir down to all recreational uses, we would not disagree with a compromise to try and maintain contentment with both parties. We would be okay with an expansion of the "no wake zone", with the intentions of having less disruptions on the shores for the wildlife that live there, and having the mid portion of the lake for boating and other vehicles going fast enough to create a wake

### **Picnicking**

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| 24  | Wants people to be assigned to picnic areas so they can be fined if they litter. |
| 171 | I am writing to let you know that I don't want the lake closed picnics.          |
| 233 | Also rights to picnic on shore area.   |

### **Swimming**

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| 45  | Doesn't want restrictions  |
| 60  | wants to keep swimming   |
| 159 | Just quick comment: Please do not close Lake Lowell for boating and swimming.  |
| 29  | Please do not close lake, enjoys swimming and letting dogs swim in lake.   |
| 408 | I do favor keeping the swimming area open if possible. There are almost no free, public outdoor swimming areas around, and this is a place for low-income families to come and cool off on hot days. |
| 29  | A safe place to fish and swim without disturbing the natural order of life.  |
| 29  | Would like to see improvements at swim areas.  |

### **Wildlife and man are or have been coexisting**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
44	I strongly feel Lake Lowell can be a viable resource for EVERYONE to enjoy people and animals alike without restricting use completely.
83	he wildlife and humans have been doing just fine in all those years, and it is one of the closer places for people to go and not have to drive half a day.
87	There is no reason why we need to shut the lake down because for years we have all been compatible with the wildlife that is on Lake Lowell.
96	He believes the boating and recreation has been coexisting with the wildlife. He feels the weather and weeds do greater damage to the wildlife.
98	Feels like the refuge has been doing a great job being a multipurpose lake. She doesn't want the refuge to do away with recreational uses. She believes that the priority uses versus non-priority uses do not impact each other in a bad way.
98	The recreational use is why the majority of the public goes to Lake Lowell. The recreational uses are compatible with the educational, reservational and even irrigation uses as well. There is enough area for people and animals to use and enjoy Lake Lowell peacefully together. Priority use and Non priority uses benefit and coexist there successfully
101	Wildlife and human beings have co existed for thousands of years here and elsewhere. Lake Lowell has done just fine for the last hundred years and will continue to do so for the next.
108	DO NOT stop human use of the lake/area. Return it to a animal/human friendly area. It can, and should, be enjoyed by man & animals alike.
110	The needs of wildlife and recreation can exist in harmony. Please keep this in mind when making your decision.
118	I believe that for over 30 years now that I've included Lake Lowell in my recreational activities, that we have done a great job of co-existing with the wildlife in the area. I have not seen a decrease in wildlife population, even with an increase in motorized water craft on the lake.
138	Still sees geese and deer like she did when she was kid.
145	The wildlife and sportsmen have done well together at Lake Lowell for decades. I urge you not to make any changes as to the use of Lake Lowell.

- 149 I feel there can both be significant public use of the refuge and wildlife protection at the same time. I support continued use of the wildlife refuge by the public including all of the Non-Priority uses that have been identified. I also support taking limited sections of the refuge and making them off limits to the public at certain times of the year when they are most needed by the wildlife. This would include having buoys out in the water that mark the closed sections and the dates they are closed for PART of the year.
- 29 It seems to me and others that the Lake has been doing rather well for the past 48 yrs. That is how long I have been enjoying and fishing the Lake. It seems that the lake has been shut down to public use when necessary. I really do not fully understand what is trying to be done in the way of changes.
- 159 For the past 100 years, both wildlife and man together have utilized the water successfully.
- 29 The Lake has been open to those activities for decades and it has been compatible with wildlife conservation.
- 174 Coexistence has worked so far. Little changes, such as closing trails during nesting season makes sense. I have seen boaters violate areas closed to boats to protect nesting birds
- 176 After 100 years of people and animals co- existing, the wildlife is thriving at the refuge.
- 178 I think Lake Lowell has been just fine for both the birds and the people interacting with the wildlife.
- 182 Please explain yourselves, the quality of the wildlife has been fine for over 100 years. what about the quality of life for the 350.000 people that live in so. Idaho?
- 184 These uses don't seem to be in conflict, especially when the restrictions that are in place with regards to motorized boat traffic are factored in.
- 194 I would submit that there are many more varieties of wildlife in the refuge today than in 1967. Some examples are Western Grebe, Bald Eagle. Wood Duck, Pelican and other bird types. I never saw these in the 60's and they are there today.
- 195 Birds have also proven adaptable when it comes to co-existing with human activities.
- 198 This letter is to show my support for recreation, swimming and boating to co-exist in the comprehensive plan that is being established
- 206 We have been living in Nampa, ID for 12 years and have not seen any adverse affects on the wild life due to non-wildlife related activities.

- 213 In my years of visiting Lake Lowell I have seen no significant conflict with current use rules and the fact that the area is a wildlife refuge.
- 216 I believe Lake Lowell is a place where both humans and animals have a chance to coexist.
- 223 Lake should be shared with the wildlife and people
- 224 Birds have been plentiful and the summer time boating season is long enough for adequate use but does not intrude on hunting season. Bird migration is generally done by April as I understand it.
- 227 As for the birds, their population and diversity in migratory and nonmigratory varieties has grown very noticeably in the surrounding areas as well as in the refuge. In short what we have in place now seems to be working well so I feel it would be best to leave it alone.
- 29 The wildlife refuge seems to have been okay for all this time so why should things change now.
- 232 I grew up on this lake – its where I learned to swim, drive a boat and learn to fish. The wildlife was there when I did this and it's still there today.
- 234 Wants there to be a compromise for wildlife and humans.
- 29 and it's PUBLIC resources can be managed responsibly so wildlife and the public can coexist.
- 242 We have been in partnership with the lake and the wildlife there since its conception and all has done fine. Boating has not been a problem in the past. Wildlife has done just fine with the current uses of the lake.
- 243 The time frame for uses that are supposedly need for the waterfowl are exactly opposite those needed by the boaters and recreationalist; therefore, it should be easy for both interest to have their needs met without impeding the other. The recreationalist and boaters can still continue to utilize the lake during the summer with minimal impact on the waterfowl and the waterfowl can continue to use it as a migratory stop.
- 253 To the layman, no adverse issues seemed to present themselves as our boat and others used the water while the fowl were feeding or resting. Many examples of combined activity/mixed use of water bodies for recreation and conservation exist across this country.
- 254 The fishing, boating, wildlife photography and wildlife have co existed for many years and we feel that should not change.

257 All of the current activities from bird watching to boating have worked in harmony over the last 100 years so I don't see a need to change it now.

258 There is no reason that we can not coexist on the lake with the wild life as we have been doing since the lake was built.

261 The wild life and current activities have coexisted for decades and seem to be getting along just fine.

266 This is proof that the recreational uses and wild life are compatible at Lake Lowell. It is also important to note that most of the current wild life present at the Lake would not be flourishing (many not in existence) without the waters from this man made and locally financed reservoir.

267 I have enjoyed the fishing, boating and wildlife of Lake Lowell throughout my limited lifetime. Please pardon my poor observation, interpretive, and communicative skills, but I have never been made aware of this problem for which you are seeking solutions. Nothing that I have read, heard, or observed indicates a problem . Man and wildlife have coexisted and complimented each other, on and around this refuge for far more years than you have walked this Earth.

268 Birds and animals don't seem to be suffering from sharing the lake.

270 the game reserve has thrived for decades with all forms of water recreation on Lake Lowell .

275 This lake, the wildlife and the recreationists, can co-exist as it does now since there is already a restricted area for their protection and one can make a case that that may not have any adverse affect on the wildlife as well.

277 For years irrigation needs,recreation, hunting and and all types of boating and swimming have co-existed with the wildlife needs.

282 Biking, dog walking, geocaching, horseback riding, jogging, kiteboarding, motorized & non-motorized boating, picnicking, swimming, fishing and hunting, and much more have been all accommodated for all these years and the refuge purposes have not been hurt any at all as far as what can be proven.

283 I support the multiple use of Lake Lowell and I believe that it is in the best interest of Nampa and Caldwell and the entire :date of Idaho for the facility to be developed rather than closed.

284 Three weeks ago we taught our two grandchildren to water ski at Lake Lowell. It was a perfect, smooth, beautiful day they will remember forever. We saw a variety of birds and fish, which made the day even more special.

286 Outdoors men and the wildlife protection can coiincide together they have for years and now you are trying to say that we are destroying the animals and their habitat.

- 145 Boating has been active on the lake for nearly one hundred years and there hasn't been a problem with the compatibility with the wildlife. In fact there is a wider variety of wildlife now on the lake than in the past
- 296 I've swam, hunted, water-skiied, fished this reservoir for 50 years. Nothing much has changed.  
The deer, raccoon, bald eagle, quail, etc., have thrived, except for the numbers of migratory ducks. And that has nothing to do with the current management of the refuge.
- 297 The human uses and the wildlife uses of the refuge have been compatible for the last century and will continue to be compatible for the next century.
- 298 I happen to live south of the lake off of lakeshore and in both the spring and fall I see thousands of ducks, geese, and other migratory birds flying over my house. I have not seen a decline in the bird numbers, if anything there are too many birds in the area.
- 301 haven't seen anyone disturbing the wildlife. It seems to me most birds, that use Lake Lowell as a refuge, are migratory and use the lake in the early spring and late fall. During those times the people usage is way down. The areas that I have seen the birds use are not in the main boating lanes or picnic areas.
- 310 I think  
that most all the wildlife around the lake accustomed to all the activity that is going on. Maybe put a limit to some of the boating during some of the nesting times.
- 314 Recreation on Lake Lowell has coexisted with wild life for 100 years. Boats do not cause damage like the wind can. Newer designs of boats have very limited emissions compared to older designs, especially 2-strokes. The refuge has issued permits to kill seagulls on the lake. It would seem that shooting birds does more harm than driving by them with a boat.
- 317 They have been compatible for 100 years and will continue with this refuge using its mission to educate the population
- 331 Believes refuge should be multi-purpose, people & wildlife can co-exist.
- 333 Has used the lake since the 1970's for fishing & boating, is not aware of activities that would harm the lake & surrounding areas.
- 342 Wildlife & recreation has co-habitated for several years, leave it alone.
- 357 Birds & people can co-habitat.
- 363 Wildlife and recreation have co-existed for 100 years, why stop now!
- 367 Lake has been a major part of valley recreation for many years with no harm to refuge.

- 369 Birds & wildlife have learned to co-exist together.
- 370 Can be used for recreation and wildlife both.
- 377 We have over 100 years invested of proving that this lake with its recreational uses along with the wildlife we honor are compatible, and have, and can, coexist together.
- 380 The Lake and Refuge is a multi-faceted resource that has played a key role in recreational opportunities for the area, while at the same time, serving as a valuable wildlife refuge and irrigation source. All of these uses have successfully co-existed for decades. Any attempt to close the area for recreational use is misguided and unreasonable
- 386 I don't believe that using motorized boats on the water harms the waterfowl population.
- 393 Please maintain shared use!!
- 399 These multiple uses of the lake have not deterred the migratory or local waterfowl or other birds from continuing to pass through or nest around the lake with its many trees and thick vegetation. Local deer thrive in this area with adjacent farmland providing feed during the early morning and late evening and the lake's vegetation providing cover during the day.
- 401 I beleave animals and people can both enjoy the use of the area, as they have for 100 years.
- 405 It is obvious that wildlife has thrived in the lake for a hundred years with essentially no consideration whatsoever.
- 417 We don't feel like we have caused any damage to the Lake or the wildlife while being out there. Humans and wildlife have co-existed on the Lake for a hundred years and we don't see any reason why we can't co-exist for another hundred years.
- 418 I believe the current uses are compatible for both wild life and recreation.LEAVE IT ALONE, IT WORKS.
- 420 The power boaters, hunters, and fishermen have always respected the "no go" restricted zones.
- 423 I have seen more birds coming through all the time. I don't see how closing the lake would be beneficial. We have lost more feed ground by new development than the boating at lake lowell.
- 424 Recreationalist and Lake Lowell have co-existed for many years
- 428 Wild life and boating have co-existed for decades and there is no reason this should not continue.

- 432 There is no reason why people, birds and animals cannot live together in harmony as they have for 100 years
- 435 We always see birds on the lake and our kids enjoy the ducks and geese. I believe we can use the lake and enjoy the wildlife at the same time.
- 438 The wild life and the public population have been living together since the upper & lower dams were built, TELL ME , why does the STUPID BABY BOOMERS who are POLOTICIONS think every thing NEEDS TO BE FIXED when IT AINT BROKEN ??
- 443 My family's boating and recreation activities over many years have benefited wildlife at Lake Lowell many ways for example, license and stamp fees.
- 448 I believe non priority uses are not hurting the refuge and infact the recreational use adds to the preservation causes at deerflat refuge. The people are brought to Lake lowell for the recreation ad then they learn about the preserve and the wildlife there.
- 450 Let us keep on sharing together.
- 455 I also believe that prudent management of the lake is essential in order to preserve the multiple uses it sees today.
- 459 The lake has been used for recreation for over 80 years.....are you folks nuts? Most of the wildlife are migrating flocks of ducks and geese that arrive after the recreation season is over. The local people and the wildlife, have co-existed all of these years.
- 465 Apparently “non-priority”, wildlife and irrigation uses have worked fine, and in fact complimented one another. If the system’s not broke, don’t fix it. Continue with existing management plan that seems to have satisfied every need over the last 100 plus years.
- 469 Farmers, recreationists and all users of Lake Lowell have lived in harmony with the wildlife at Lake Lowell for over 100 years and it needs to continue exactly as it is
- 473 The ecological integrity of the DFNWR is not dependent upon the cessation of recreational use of Lake Lowell's open water.  
The CCP should direct that Refuge management continue to give full consideration to the agricultural and recreational uses of Lake Lowell's open water, just as full consideration must be due the "wild" use of the wetland edges and sagebrush uplands around that open water.
- 476 In this case it is only natural for people and animals to co-exist in this un-natural environment. I sustain the seasonal closures on the lake and feel like that is an excellent way for people and animals to share the place.

- 477 Lake Lowell, Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge and recreational activity at Lake Lowell have been woven into the social, cultural, emotional, intellectual, environmental and economical fabric of the people and lifestyle in the Treasure Valley for 100 years. This compatible and symbiotic relationship existing for a century is proof that all the present activities can co-exist for the benefit of all presently and for future generations.
- 481 I believe the Refuge was established for both wildlife & recreational use and if there is not scientific data proving that we can't cohabitate, we should use the lake for all users to educate and enjoy, not lock it away for no one to use.
- 483 Believes there is a form of compromise that the refuge and citizens can come to.
- 485 I understand saving wildlife but we can co-exist just like we have been doing for several decades. Just in my lifetime i have seen more wildlife there in Lake Lowell then when i was younger. Why Change???? Seems to be working out great now.
- 486 Please please reconsider the use of Lake Lowell, we have cohabited with upland birds for over 100 years and can continue to do so.
- 487 Wildlife is and are thriving in the area. I ride my motorcycle around the lake several times a week, as well as use the lake with my boat for fishing, family recreation and sightseeing. There is no problem with what us humans are doing in and around the lake.
- 490 For more than 100 years, wildlife and humans have co-existed peacefully at Lake Lowell. Boating, and other forms of recreation, have become almost part of the ecosystem, co-existing peacefully with wildlife since the lake was first filled with water.
- 492 In the case of Lake Lowell, boaters are using the manmade lake and are sharing the environment with the Fish, birds and other wildlife
- 493 Over the years we have seen more and new wildlife, herons, pelicans and the return of eagles.  
We all seem to coexisting well.
- 494 Co-EXistence is good. May it continue.....
- 496 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is questioning whether recreation can coexist with refuge management. The answer is a very firm YES.
- 499 The geese and human use of this lake has taken place for many years and I really do not see any devastating effect that it has caused on the geese population. I strongly feel that the lake should remain a lake for both human and geese use, not restricted to one species either way.

- 503 Science is often used to support just one side of a argument. In this case, history has shown it is certainly possible to have a thriving National Wildlife Refuge and recreational boating on Lake Lowell.
- 506 It has worked fine for all these years, and is (and has been) enjoyed by many. All users and uses seem to co-exist just fine.
- 508 Everyone can enjoy all of the functions of the lake without having a negative impact on the refuge. If there is a problem or an issue, there is resolution. We can coexist with the refuge present.
- 509 I can't help but believe that what has occurred over the last 50 years has benefited both the Refuge and all the people who have experienced some aspect of the Lake and the wildlife.
- 515 For years now, we have coexisted peacefully with the birds and other wildlife at the refuge, and being able to be on the water has gotten us closer to the birds and nature.
- 519 The refuge and the wildlife have gotten along with the public in the past and I don't see any reason to stop boating, swimming and the recreational use of Lake Lowell.
- 524 I think it's absurd due to the fact that Lake Lowell has been around for many years and during those years hunters, boaters and recreationalists have co-encided.
- 526 I don't think the answer is to close the reservoir off to boating and fishing. Certainly both activities can co-exist.
- 531 We have utilized the lake recreationally for over 100 years and respected and appreciated the refuge and the wildlife.
- 534 Lake Lowell has always been a great family retreat. We have always taken care of the lake and the birds, deer, fish are not bothered by the people.
- 543 There is a beneficial co-existence with the wildlife & recreation. Wildlife seems to do well.
- 5 I feel recreation can co-exist with wildlife on refuge.
- 376 We have all co-existed together for many many years, and to our knowledge it has not been detrimental to anything.
- 561 We have used the lake for years and it has not hurt the wildlife we have co-existed and I think this is great.
- 564 The lake has provided good clean fun for young people. We might have more time for kids to get into trouble without water recreations. I don't think we bothered the wildlife.

- 75 We have all used the Lake both boaters and wildlife it work good. So don't mess it up and manage the wildlife and rec at same time.
- 576 I believe that there is plenty of room at the lake to accommodate all and shutting it down would be a terrible thing for all.
- 578 I see no reason to change the way the lake was used. Irrigators, recreation, and wildlife have got along fine for many years.
- 682 I believe in managing wildlife for future generations, but also maintain the balance of public use of the refuge.
- 697 Please don't take away our freedom to use the lake for recreation. We respect wildlife but they are still living here as well. Both can enjoy and use the resources.
- 698 Feels we are coexisting but would rather see half the lake closed for wildlife than the whole thing
- 165 As population increases throughout the years to come it will be equally important and beneficial that wildlife has adapted to human surroundings therefore creating a mutual respect for each other.
- 702 The Senators feel that the refuge has been managing the coexisting wildlife and recreation sector very well and feels these nonpriority recreational uses are compatible with the Refuge's mission.
- 146 I strongly urge that you maintain a Multi-Use environment for all to enjoy.
- 713 We have over 100 years invested of proving that this lake with its recreational uses along with the wildlife we honor, are compatible, have, and can, coexist together.
- 715 Both can enjoy the lake and have for decades
- 29 Multiuse is fine. Wildlife should come first though, then recreation
- 721 Feels the wildlife and the people have been co-existing
- 723 She doesn't see the disruption from boaters and recreational use
- 726 The current usage plan for the lake has worked just fine as it is. Boaters have coexisted with the wildlife at this lake for decades and decades.

**Will decrease opportunity to enjoy outdoors**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
167	We are seeing too many of our citizen rights repealed right now, recreation is one of the highlights for our Idaho heritage. Water activities in this desert region are vital. I am sure safeguards are in place to protect the wildlife in the area, education will help keep them in place.
456	To limit or eliminate these opportunities would be felt by many. To many the refuge may be the only recreational opportunity they get to enjoy. Swimmers, boaters, water skiers, and fishermen all have had the opportunity to enjoy the lake and the benefits it provides to the area.
500	The recreational uses of the area have helped to make the Treasure Valley a more desirable place to live and, for many people, have been a major source of entertainment as well as wildlife education and preservation.

## *Planning Process*

### **Definition of priority and nonpriority**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
150	2. The classification of recreation pursuits into priority (compatible) and non-priority (non-compatible) categories appears to bias your planning against the majority of public recreation activities on the refuge from the onset. While wildlife issues should be of foremost concern in your planning, there is no evidence presented that most of the recreation currently taking place on the refuge is anything but compatible. Many of the activities listed under priority and non-priority overlap and are inseparable. For example, when boating the lake, cross country skiing or jogging on a trail people are viewing the wildlife. If they carry a camera they are participating in wildlife photography. The non-priority activity is simply a means of access for the priority activity. You simply confuse the issue by trying to categorize them.

### **General Planning Process**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
12	Concerned about some of the Non-priority Public Uses, such as Biking, Jogging, Dog-walking, Picnicking, these things I fell should be Priority Uses. Doesn't want these to go away
16	He is happy we have elected to take on this management process
109	Doesn't feel like we have any real information to make our decisions for the planning process because of the lack of biological data for the last decade or so.
143	Regarding list of priority/non-priority listed in CCP flier – wants non-priority public use items listed as priority public use items.
472	AWA wants to make sure we are complete in all our findings for this report so they are not taken advantage of when the new laws of the refuge are made.

## *Predator Management*

### **General Predator Management**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
294	Reports from hunters who visit the islands suggest that predator numbers are highly inflated from past levels. This needs to be studied. If found to be true, control measures should be enacted to protect waterfowl and other species of concern.
441	And I never understood why the refuge is closed at night. That is when some of the best fishing is, and the only time to efficiently remove predators. Please take this into account when considering new regulations. We need more opportunities not less. I'm sure if we work together we can come up with a responsible predator management plan that involves public participation

## *Public Safety and Health*

### **Domestic Animals**

**ID Comment**

24 doesn't think dogs should be allowed

29 Doesn't think dogs should be allowed on the refuge due to public safety

### **Fire Management**

**ID Comment**

29 Clean up refuge in order to help keeps fires to a minimum.

### **Other**

**ID Comment**

202 If Lake Lowell closes many people will begin to launch in local Rivers where boating can be a lot more serious. The county will be handling many more HIGH RISK river rescues & DEATHS.. I

### **Trash/Hazards/Outbreaks**

**ID Comment**

147 Another concern that I have is that a number of people use the refuge as a dumping ground. I would like to see a sign on all the refuges that say it's a federal offense to dump trash and a list a fine of \$100.00/500.00. Maybe the state legislators would catch on and pass a law to that effect on all state owned land.

308 There may be problems other than trash and garbage, which I think is major, that I am not aware of.

327 Wants More garbage cans along trails

29 Watch out for ecoli.

29 Concerned about the smell of dead fish permeating the water, and the amount of broken glass on the beaches.

29 Litter is a problem; charge an exit fee of a bag of trash you picked up.

29 Team up with Canyon County and use inmates to clean up garbage, graffiti and bathrooms.

## *Refuge Access*

### **Disabled Access**

**ID      Comment**

29      Need more handicap spaces.

### **General Visitor Access**

**ID      Comment**

29      Access down to the water's edge is not very family friendly, there needs to be easy access stairs on every beach.

29      Again the roads leading no where is quite annoying.

29      Open up closed areas,

29      Keep gates open as much as possible for visitor usage.

*Refuge Administration*

**Anti-government**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
144	Not only does the government have no business on the Deer Flat Refuge, it also has the worst record out there for taking care of business.
345	Is this just to get a better job with our government?

## General Refuge Administration

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
26	Would like more public announcements on what activities are being promoted at the different seasons and times when wildlife are most prevalent.
34	Happy with the way the refuge has been managed so far and wishes to see that the refuge remain managed well.
64	They have tried to work with us in helping wildlife but we have refused their help in the past.
21	Make some reasonable rules that allow all users including runners, boaters, fisherman/hunters, bird watchers and the rest to enjoy LL. Then you will have supporters who treasure our resource. Cut off the resource to everyone over idiocy coming out of Washington DC, then you will have nothing but lawbreakers to deal with everyday because people just won't stand for it any more.
147	<p>I feel that limiting current usage of the refuge would have immeasurable negative results. I feel the focus should be on how the Refuge could benefit the community; this is the ideal time for the government to show the people how their tax dollars are working to benefit all of the resources.</p> <p>I think the current management is making an effort to reach out to the community, especially the children to provide education of the refuge and its mISSION.</p>
73	To assure compatible species and their habitat is being maintained I propose the Idaho Fish and Game should be an equal team player on the proposed management program being drafted. Better yet and save the tax payers a ton of money, turn the entire refuge, it's goals and mission over to Idaho F&G for competent management.
29	Encourage volunteerism by have specific tasks.
473	<p>The DFNWR is geographically and conceptually fragmented.</p> <p>A one-size-fits-all approach to the management of the Snake River Islands and Lake Lowell will fail. Management of the former, a truly "natural" resource, should center on preservation of its uniquely favorable wildlife habitat. Management of Lake Lowell, on the other hand, a habitat whose characteristics are wholly incidental to its engineered purpose as an agricultural irrigation reservoir, should commensurately reflect the economic, social, and cultural realities that form its very existence.</p>
29	I was pleasantly surprised by the availability of refuge volunteers. They were very knowledgeable and friendly. Their guidance absolutely enhanced my visit.

### **Impact to Agriculture**

#### **ID Comment**

159 gain - the water belongs to the farmers - if you place the wildlife above that first priority - it could damage the availability of water for our land and for our food. Agriculture is critical not only in the Treasure Valley, but worldwide.

### **Jurisdiction**

#### **ID Comment**

116 The whole point of lake Lowell was to supply water during the driest part of our season! Putting restrictions or banning irrigation would also make it harder for farmers to grow their crops.

131 Dam was first constructed for irrigation and boatin and recreating came second.

150 Just how is the jurisdictional issue resolved? Does irrigation trump fish and wildlife in the lake itself?

192 As I see it... the federal government has no authority to claim oversight over this area and should leave management of this region to the local people. Uses of the reservoir include agricultural and recreational.

256 Lake Lowell is not a natural wildlife habitat. It was built for irrigation and rec. use.

258 Since the lake was not made to originally be a wild life reserve but to be a source of irrigation I see no reason why it should be closed to public use.

277 Lake Lowell was built as an irrigation reservoir many decades ago. It became a wildlife reserve all on its own, with a little help from its friends.

287 This lake was used for the local farmers for irrigation and then the Wildlife Refuge was started.

### **Lack of Administration**

#### **ID Comment**

281 This lake has been mis-managed for many years, and despite their non-efforts to take proper care of th is lake, the wildlife has prospered.

29 Wants government to spend more money on hiring more employees to cover the large Deer Flat area.

29 Feels refuge needs to be better taken care,

694 The number one problem is the lack of management over the last twenty to thirty years.

**Purpose**

**ID Comment**

473 The application of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 does not demand a radical re-imagining of the history. purpose. and use of Lake Lowell. The purpose of DFNWR is to provide a refuge and breeding grounds for migratory birds and other wildlife. The physical, biological and seasonal suitability of the DFNWR primarily benefits wintering waterfowl. The purpose, according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, is "management for wintering waterfowl" See 1987 MOU between USF&W, DFNWR, and Canyon County, attached. Numerous resident, breeding and migratory species will benefit from the existence of DFNWR regardless of federally imposed design or management.

**Supportative in managing as a refuge**

**ID Comment**

- 122 Dear Refuge Management, I support management of Deer Flat Refuge to provide the best protection of all kinds of wildlife and their habitat. TI support recreational uses only if they do not interfere with wildlife breeding and related activities.
- 29 Just do the job with which you have been tasked. It's your responsibility to do what is best for this asset.
- 29 I don't understand why the public feels they are being robbed of the lake. It is a wildlife refuge. This man made it clear that people need to understand it is a wildlife refuge and not a recreational area.
- 29 Boating, hunting & fishing are less important than wildlife conservation.
- 29 Need areas where birds & animals are not polluted and exploited by humans.
- 29 Not human priority, but environmental.

## *Trails*

### **Do Not Change**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
74	He and his son love to run on the trails while they watch the wildlife. They want to continue doing this.
434	I know a lot of support has been given to the water uses at the refuge, but I would like to see the refuge stay open to people wanting to use the trails there for things like walking their dogs, jogging, etc.
29	Keep trails non-motorized.

### **New Trails**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
14	Establish trails for fishing access and bird watching and hiking along New York Cannel and around lake.
26	Wants more walking paths or even a "green belt"
32	More wildlife viewing paths
35	Wants to see trails put in around the refuge for excercise and viewing. He thinks the trails could serve as a fire barrier as well.
36	Lastly, I would like to see some sort of pathway for walking/hiking/horseback riding/biking be introduced in our area, or through our area. Nothing fancy, but as I understand, our area is closed off to any activities at this point.
38	Increased interpretative trails / expeditions to view bird habitat by feguge personnel would be a nice enhancement feature both on the reservoir and on the islands.
283	We should examine the opportunity to put in a paved walk/bike path around the entire lake
322	Paths around the Lake should be made more available to the public.
526	Last, but not least, the refuge should work with Canyon County to develop a greenbelt around Lake Lowell. This would give more people a chance to appreciate the wildlife refuge and its mission, increase tourism in the area, and radically improve highway safety.
29	Would like to see more mtn. bike trails along the south edge of the lake. I like to ride around the lake and must do a lot of it along the busy road. A gravel trail would be great.
29	Wants more trails
29	It's a lake, so it would be nice to have one continuous trail all the way round.
29	More access to south part of refuge.

### **Other**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
235	Doest want to see walking paths go away.

## Trail Improvements

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
388	trail improvements in and around Access No. 8 so that pedestrians or boat portagers can reach the lake from the access parking lot;
419	It would be a good thing to have better access at Gott's Point for (human-powered) paddlecraft. The current parking area is good - but the available paths to the water are either too long or too steep. Currently, the most direct path is steep and loose dirt - prone to slipping and tripping when carrying even the smallest paddlecraft. The trail is also too narrow, making it difficult to get through the opening in the rock curb without damaging the average canoe or kayak. The most logical improvement - and also likely the least expensive - would be to install steps in the path leading directly from the middle of the parking area to the water.
29	Lots of weeds on trails.
29	I'd like to see more exploratory signs on trails and roads. The signs along the Centennial Trail are excellent and I'd like to see more.

## *Visitor Experience*

### **Close to Home**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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| 29 | This refuge is close to home and provides easy access to the lake and public land,. |
| 29 | Close area to enjoy water sports and fishing.                                       |
| 29 | Refuge is close to home and provides quick & easy access to lake and public land.   |
| 29 | It's close to home  |
| 29 | Close area to enjoys water sports and fishing.                                      |

### **Other**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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| 29 | Encourage people not to litter and/or pick up litter they see.  |
| 29 | Parking is scarce. There is a dirt lot available. Google maps isnt helpful for finding things on lake lowell. |
| 29 | More biking opportunities   |
| 29 | More opportunities at visitor center.   |
| 29 | Water ski in summer, shoot ducks in winter. There are always geese to watch.                                  |

### **Positive Experience**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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| 29 | Use refuges about 5 days a week, enjoy the peacefulness of the refuge.<br>Refuge has unique blend of recreation for exercise and observation of wildlife.<br>Love the refuge. |
| 29 | Opportunities to recreate & educate ourselves all in one trip.  |

## *Visitor Facilities*

### **General Visitor Facilities**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
69	Access 7 (Howard's Haven) Low water and an open gate make vehicle access possible to a small but good fishing area at the water's edge. I think this spot should be open in future years.
319	The facilities are all in very good shape and repair.
29	More shade areas.
29	Could use more parking on the Upper Dam at Lake Lowell.
29	Need a GOOD southside boat ramp.
29	There could be better bathroom facilities for handicapped.
29	Keep the gates open as much as possible for visitors usage, maintain the facilities for public use.
29	Both times I have been there the restrooms were filthy, no toilet paper.
29	The restrooms are closed down and trash all over the place.
29	Parking lots need refuge cans.
29	I appreciate the clean bathrooms.
29	Would like an overnight area with boat ramp.
29	Outhouse is disgusting.
29	Need more parking for boating. Visiting, wildlife, boating
29	Need more and better restrooms.
29	Dumpsters & bathrooms need to be better maintained.
29	Maintain the facilities for public use.
29	Restrooms filthy, no toilet paper.
29	Restrooms are closed, trash all over the place.
29	Parking lots need refuge cans.
29	More access to south part of refuge

### **Visitor Center**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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29	Entrance gate is too narrow which can cause problems on busy days.
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### ***Visitor Services***

### **General Visitor Services**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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29	Informative map directing us toward beaches, bathrooms and swimming/fishing areas so we don't find out we have reached dead ends, only to have to turn around using more time and gas.
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29	Great displays, appreciated the evidence of children's involvement & educational outreach Hard to compare to others, but it is unique in our local area. Please and somewhat surprised at the high quality of the visitor center.
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## *Water Management*

### **General Water Management**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
30	Wants refuge to ask for better flows on the snake river and the lake to maintain healthy ecosystem
40	Concerned about water levels and how they affect the wildlife.
385	THE CCP SHOULD INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

### **Irrigation System**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
14	Agreement with Irrigation Company for longer minimum flows outside of normal irrigation season.
271	SAVE LAKE LOWELL ! The Common Sense Big Six:Preserve irrigation rights  (this person created their own big six)
356	Will the water level be regulated? How will regulation of water levels impact residential & agricultural irrigation?
455	I'm not an expert in this area, but one may speculate about potential benefits to be derived from more closely matching inflows and outflows over the course of the year. Others are more informed about this topic than myself, but the discussion could be worth having.

## Water Quality

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
14	Controls and Water Quality Standards on Irrigation runoff entering Lake Lowell. A Settling Pond System is needed.
14	Degraded water quality.
16	Wants to see that irrigation runoff into the lake is tested and kept clean
32	Promote cleaner water
38	How does water fowl and animal defecation affect water quality over time?
147	That being the chemicals and silt that is filling the Lake. I also worry about the mercury levels.I feel that your long range plan should give serious consideration to monitorthe water flowing into the Lake for harmful chemicals and a plan to reduceand eliminate them by a certain date.
150	Who is responsible for correcting the water quality issues? Can power boating actually help the dissolved oxygen problem by agitating the water?
157	I have concerns about water quality in the area from farm run off. When I was at the site last year for a teachers' environmental education workshop, we participated in an activity gathering water samples only to find out a few days later that a water quality alert had been issued.
158	If it is truly the intent of the US Fish & Wildlife to improve habitat in the Management area for the fish and wildlife a much wiser approach would be to fully implement the Lake Lowell TMDL recently drafted. If it were possible reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into the lake from surrounding agriculture lands via the various drains flowing into the lake the impacts would be very beneficial. This is the direction the Fish & Wildlife need to focus their attention rather than stopping long established uses of the Lake Lowell Management Area.
184	The biggest problem I see with the management and long term health of the lake and the surrounding area is the degradation of the the lake's water quality due to the return of once used irrigation into the lake.
199	Boats are not the main polluters of the lake; ducks and geese are the bigger problem, and have been from time of construction. Shouldn't we also ban their use as well if we want to restore the lake to some pristine level?
230	The brush and vegetation around the lake is causing water pollution. When the wind blows it cannot stir the water up in the trees.

293 Granddaughter in 2002 was wading in Lake Lowell (Lower Dam Recreation Area) and swallowed lake water and got Giardia... was diagnosed by a specialist .Specialist told the Grace that she has said that numerous Giardia cases come from Lake Lowell.

319 It appears that the water quality is very good and plant infestation is not a problem.

29 Feels the main problem with the lake is poor water quality because of farm runoff  
29 feels the lake is dirty.

463 Please focus on cleaning up the quality of the water so the fish, the birds and we the people can continue to enjoy the many benefits of Lake Lowell. (If my understanding is correct, it is the returning irrigation water that is the culprit.)

29 Lake gets very murky in late summer.

710 Some bodies of water have horsepower, type of motor, and specific loading and unloading guidelines. I have noticed that the water there was so much cleaner and more pleasant to fish. I think that if you limit animals there then it may keep the water better.

717 The EPA is particularly interested in seeing the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) utilize this planning process to recognize water quality as a priority issue for management within the Deer Flat NWR. the CCP process is the appropriate place to consider climate change and its potential impact on water quantity and water quality within the refuge.

Recommendations:

- Establish improving water quality as one of the goals of the CCP.
  - Examine in the EIS how alternative refuge management practices can improve water quality and include appropriate measures in the CCP.
  - Work closely with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to identify and incorporate TMDL implementation activities into refuge management planning.
- Please see the following comments on the nutrient management and carp management for more specific recommendations.

717 Nutrient Management

Agricultural return flows are a significant source of nutrient loading in Lake Lowell . We recommend that the CCP consider management actions that could be undertaken to enhance nutrient removal. The following actions are adapted from an existing TMDL for nutrients in a shallow lake ecosystem. We provide these for your consideration as you develop alternatives:

Recommendations:

- Document how the Lowell Lake Refuge is managed, for example, water temperatures, depth, etc. and investigate the ability to modify wetland structure and/or water flow to advance water quality improvements.
- Identify water delivery and drainage system configurations in the Deer Flat Refuge that would optimize wetland function.
- Promote organic farming around the Deer Flat Refuge to decrease nutrient loads.
- Investigate and identify ways to use existing and future wetlands to provide wildlife habitat and improve water quality with the goal of achieving TMDL load allocations.
- Maximize the restoration and protection of riparian areas and permanent wetlands.
- Evaluate the potential for wetland management activities to improve water quality and pursue activities that will reduce nutrients (e.g., monitor wetland enhancement projects within the Refuge to determine the impact on nutrient loads).
- Promote fertilizer management plans to achieve TMDL load allocations.
- Explore opportunities to recycle water (and nutrients) in the Refuge area with a goal of maximizing water quality improvements.

723 Wants the refuge to dredge the lake to be deeper to improve water quality.

## *Wildlife Observation*

### **General Birding**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
22	Likes watching the new baby eagles with his wife
23	Likes to sit and watch the birds
71	Wants to know if our wildlife viewing lives up to its potential at all.
206	My husband is a bird watcher and a fly fisherman and thoroughly enjoys seeing the birds and wildlife he encounters during his activities...and he rarely is in a boat when he partakes of these activities.
292	we have spent some great times just goinf to the lake and observing the wild life that surrounds it and just appreciating nature in what seems to be a natural habitat. Pls keep this going it would definitely be a shame to see any of it end.
476	I love to watch the wildlife and sit in silence in the Spring and Fall. Sitting on the lower dam in the winter and looking out over the ice at sunset is the wallpaper in my mind's screensaver.
29	We love to hear the ducks and geese fly over in Spring and Fall.
29	Deer Flat has a very incredible display of taxidermy
5	People go to lake to recreate and see wildlife that they would not see otherwise.
29	We often watch for the Bald Eagles and other birds.
29	Because you can water ski all summer and shoot ducks all winter and there are always geese to watch.
29	This refuge is very close to our town and it is neat to see all the ducks and geese.
29	Great displays, appreciated the evidence of children's involvement & educational outreach. It's hard to compare to others, but it is unique in our local area. We were pleased and somewhat surprised at the high quality of the visitor's center.
29	Opportunity to interact with nature.
29	Visit every year to see the Osprey and their young. Also enjoy the opportunity to see the Bald Eagles and hike. The year the website to watch the Osprey is awesome.
29	They provide a peaceful sanctuary for wildlife and humans.
29	It is a joy to be so close to an area where you can see wildlife.v

- 29 Beautiful well kept area.  
They are natural & full of natures creatures. Love to be out in the “wilds”.
- 29 Environmental education program tours. Observing wildlife & birds.
- 29 Opportunity to visit nature without taking all of their land, but sharing it with the wildlife.
- 29 Close to town, neat to see all the ducks & geese.
- 29 Surprised be availability of refuge volunteers, they were very knowledgeable and friendly. Their guidance enhanced my visit.  
Provides an opportunity to experience nature in a unique & informative way by minimizing the impact on wildlife, plants and water that humans have while still allowing access to the area.
- 29 It’s kept clean of litter & the wildlife is preserved nicely.
- 29 Opportunity to interact with nature.
- 586 Please don’t close lake Lowell because I like bird watching there.

## *Wildlife/Habitat Management*

### **Depredation**

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22	Wants the pelican problem delt with. He feels they are not a non-native species that needs to be here.
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208	Because of our close location to the lake, we have noticed a rather large population of birds which have proven to be a problem as well. We allow and even hire hunters to try and slow down the birds which consume our corn and other commodities which we need for daily operation. Because of this, we feel that the bird population needs to be maintained and have a level of population control.
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### **Fire Ecology and Management**

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36	I have noticed in the last few years that in this area (south east end of the refuge) that the overall maintenance has not been taking place. Right now the weeds are so high and the vegetation is so thick, I'm very concerned during fire season.
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## **General Wildlife/Habitat Management**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
2	Keep the waters closed as you do now to protect the water fowl migration, That I feel is the only reasonable management plan that has been done.
14	General cleanup. Obstacles of overgrowth and dead fall trees. Dead fall clean up in New York Cannel.
16	Wants limitation on rec use for wildlife
41	There are a few islands near Weiser that have had some management practices done in the past, weed/thistle treatments and small plots planted for wildlife. Patch and Porter islands actually have small tractors parked out on the islands used for such efforts. I am not sure if this is your agency's effort or possibly Idaho Fish and Game. It would be great if more work like this could be done in the future.
108	Clean up the lake! Remove dead trees and brush.
113	I think it is extremely important to balance the preservation of wildlife with other recreational and hunting activities.
22	Feels the refuge needs to be cleared of dead trees
147	I feel that the Deer Flat Refuge could use some additional shelter belts west of the Refuge Center to the Lake to bring back Pheasants to the area.
271	SAVE LAKE LOWELL ! The Common Sense Big Six: Maintain and enhance existing wildlife habitats  (this person created their own big six)
308	If there impacts on wildlife they should be addressed.
319	The abundance and quality of the wildlife at the lake was superb
375	Feels like the upkeep of the lake has been neglected for many years.
385	THE CCPMUST CONSIDER AND ANALYZE THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE
453	I would like to see areas of Lake Lowell cleaned up and have hardwood tree such as Walnut, Maple, Oak, Etc planted. After plantings have been established and they mature, the trees could be harvested for lumber on a rotation to provide income for projects on the refuge.
483	Respect the intended purpose of the lake. to provide habitat for migrating birds.
545	Pheasant restoration on Lake.

- 574 Get reclamation to fill almost full in the fall so the birds will have more resting habitat. Plant some turkeys around the lake.
- 694 the decision to remove the cattle this part of the refuge has grown up in weeds, tall grass and willow patches. Totally uncontrolled.
- 41 Please consider treating the dense, overgrown and unnatural accumulations of vegetation on the Snake River islands with prescribed fire, followed by weed spraying, and seeding native grasses and other plant species more conducive to productive wildlife habitat as part of your long term plan for the refuge.

## Invasive/Non-native Species

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
2	The main thing is water,, keep enough water to maintain there habitat, kill out the bad weeds that have over grown the lake due to bad management.
14	Tick infestation. Puncture weed and thistle infestation.
20	i wish that the refuge would take care of there canadian thisel right below the upper dam in the tullu patch on lake ave.. its starting to bloom and blow.plus i am removing some of the thorn trees on the other side of the rd where the creek is.i hear now that a russian olive tree or i call as a thorn tree is a noxious tree.
36	I also viewed a commercial on local TV warning us about the danger of a new noxious weed that is now in Idaho. This weed is the same weed that I now see going in your refuge and bordering our property line. I have sprayed this weed within our property, and even sprayed the 6 foot tall weed on the refuge side, but I have not seen an effort on the refuge's part to take care of this weed that was on the commercial.
38	It appears smart weed competes with the water resource and should not be allowed to spread past its current boundaries. Believes we can use chemicals.Elimination of non-native species and plants to protect native wildlife populations should be an important priority.
53	Wants us to finally remove the White Top growing on the islands below Walter's Ferry.
82	This man wants us to pay bigger attention to the amount of noxious weeds that exist on the refuge as well as the chemicals being sprayed on them in order to control the spread.
134	Take care of noxious weeds.
143	South side of lake: use goats to clear out the underbrush. Spray the noxious weeds. This will open up the shoreline for the public.
148	Management of the noxious weeds, mosquitos. and diseases that lie in the unmanaged areas are far more dangerous to our wildlife and community than boating.
186	Feels like the refuge needs a long term noxious weed plan
195	Noxious weed and invasive species control should be a major emphasis in the CCP.
235	He wants removal of goat heads between Tio Ln. and Gott's Point so he can ride his bikes there with his children.

- 145 If the refuge managers were really concerned about the habitat on the lake they would remove the noxious weeds on the south and west sides on the lake that's choking off the habitat from the lake.
- 294 For the two decades or more, virtually no weed control or other management has been done on the islands. As a result, the habitat quality of many of the islands has been severely degraded. Additional management of nesting structures, especially for geese, needs to be done on a regular basis. Many of the structures are currently unusable due to encroachment of invasive trees such as Russian Olive
- 326 Clean up noxious weeds around lake.
- 143 Allow grazing on south side of lake for a short period during summer months to control weeds so people can use it as a park area.
- 474 I would like to see better management of the islands in the river section of the refuge. They are overgrown and ripe with noxious weeds. It is time to start burning them again. These could provide much better habitat with management that would simulate flooding.
- 487 Control of the cat tail/reeds that are quickly taking over the shoreline. Is it against the federal govt and other environmental factions to remove anything that is growing?
- 29 This is the only body of water around here, you should be more concerned with overgrown terrain and noxious weeds.
- 29 Need more effort in controlling goathead.

### **Lack of Biological Studies**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
147	I understand there can be an argument over the human usages and purpose of the refuge but I prefer to ask the question is there a negative impact, to the purpose and usage. The point being that the "usage" of Lake Lowell has not had a negative impact on your mission.
150	You have not displayed any evidence of conflict between wildlife and the recreationists that would warrant a change from present management practices.
162	His question to her historical data for nesting with her response that they have not had a biologist on staff for years. Beck's comments questioned the ability to draft a CCP without proper data? Over all his comments were concern for the accuracy and ability to manage.
203	Before limiting any use of the refuge, I strongly urge you to make sound decisions based on scientific data for this particular area. You should not base your decisions based on data from other areas or on public perception.
162	The key is monitoring and evaluating your data over a period of time. then checking your results across the region or district to see if your data is comparable with other refuges. Declines in nesting of water fowl may not be the result of your activities but a larger issue with the birds throughout the northwest migratory region. Her statement infers the refuge can not do bird management activities without a biologist. Without any refuge historical data over the past 10 years, how do you make a decision on which activities have a positive or negative impact on the nesting wildlife?
580	There does not appear to be a documented negative impact to wildlife resulting from past public use of the Refuge. Until the US Fish and Wildlife has irrefutable evidence that public use is harming the Refuge, please do not change the public use policy

### **Recreational Use Limitations**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Comment</b>
31	Wants the eastern end of the lake to have limited or no access for recreational use because of the amount of wildlife that live in that area.