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TO: Idaho Department of Agriculture
Attention: Director Celia Gould, Matt Voile, Amy Ferriter, Tom
Woolf, EWM Proposal Review Committee

**SUBJECT: Support for Bonner Natural Resources and
Conservation Service boat wash station proposal**

Dear Director Gould and the EWM Proposal Review Committee:

To protect our lakes and rivers from aquatic invasive species that threaten to impact our communities and ecosystems, we strongly support the request of the Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District and partners for boat wash stations for the Pend Oreille Basin.

Hot water, high-pressure boat wash stations are needed to more adequately protect our waters from threats such as further Eurasian watermilfoil spread and quagga/zebra mussels. Lake Pend Oreille has been identified as a very vulnerable body of water to quagga/zebra mussels, and their introduction would be devastating to native aquatic plant species, fish and wildlife, water intakes, irrigation, recreation, and tourism.

The Native Plant Society strongly endorses the proposal for two boat wash stations for 2009 and will partner with the Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District to ensure that they are managed efficiently and effectively. Our organization will participate in finding volunteers to staff the wash stations and plan to continue our active participation in the Bonner County Aquatic Task force as well as our substantial public education programs on the prevention and control of invasive aquatic species.

We thank you for the opportunity to further protect our waters from aquatic invaders.
Sincerely,

Carol Jenkins, President

