

Dear Sheriff Candidate,

Thank you again for participating in the Hayden lake Watershed Association Sheriff Candidates' forum.

These are the questions that we have compiled with input from cooperating organizations and our members. We ask that you keep your answers to each question to 100 words or less.

1. **BACKGROUND:** Please provide your background and qualifications. Explain any experience you have had with enforcement on waterways, and describe your familiarity with the policing issues the Sheriffs Department is facing on our lakes and river.
2. **PERSONNEL:** The incumbent sheriff believes that the lack of qualified deputies, not budget, is the primary obstacle for adequately policing our lakes. Do you agree with his assessment? What is your plan to find and hire qualified candidates? What is your position on School Resource officers and/or trained volunteers similar to the Citizen Marine Patrol to supplement deputies' activities on the waterways?
3. **USER CONFLICTS:** What do you see as the Sheriff Department's role in managing conflicts between waterway user groups? Excessive boat wakes and reckless boaters can pose a danger and prevent the enjoyable use of small boats, paddle boarders, kayakers, swimmers, and fishermen. How would you promote understanding between these groups?
4. **EDUCATION:** Would you be in favor of mandatory boater education for all new boat owners in Kootenai County and for current drivers 18 years old and younger?
5. **INCREASE IN BOATERS FEES:** Would you support an increase in county boater fees to fund enforcement and education? Would you support a fee for out of state boaters? How would that fee be collected and enforced? How would those fees be used?
6. **RE-ENTRY FACILITY:** Although details have not been finalized, given what you know about re-entry centers, what is your position about having one located in Kootenai County? What impacts do you foresee for the Sheriff's Department and the general population?
7. **TRAFFIC ISSUES:** How would you address the issues of speeding and dangerous parking on the narrow and congested roadways around the lakes and river? Many of the roads were not designed to accommodate boater volumes, excessive speeds or on-street parking.
8. **EXCESSIVE WAKES:** Kootenai County Regulations specify a "NO WAKE ZONE" for lakes within 200 feet of shoreline, dock, pier, breakwater, or person in the water. Do you believe excessive or illegal wakes can be determined by sight? Would you support your marine deputies to estimate an excessive wake by sight? How would your deputies enforce existing regulations?

Please send your responses electronically. If that is not possible we will accommodate other forms of written submissions. We ask that your responses are returned by 4/16/20. Let us know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

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