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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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Delivered Electronically

RE: Proposed No Wake Ordinance at Yellowstone Lake

Dear Ms. Ernzen,

It has come to our attention that Yellowstone Lake is being considered for designation as a no wake zone waterway, with enforcement beginning each day in the late afternoon.

Yellowstone Lake is the only lake in our districts that currently allows wake. As a result, the lake and surrounding Yellowstone Lake State Park have become a tourism hotspot, generating tourism dollars and providing an economic boost throughout the region.

An enforcement of a no wake zone will cost the DNR resources and create the additional burden of requiring DNR wardens to enforce this ordinance in addition to maintaining the park. This will result in the unnecessary consequence of a decreased boater presence on the lake.

Additionally, the southeast side of the lake has already had a no wake zone in place. This allows for fishers, canoers, kayakers among others to enjoy the lake without being disturbed.

For years the lake has been a hub for waterskiing, tubing, wakeboarding and wake surfing that families and tourists from the area and across the state have enjoyed.

Based on these facts, we are urging the DNR to reconsider your proposal to enforce a no wake zone on Yellowstone Lake.

Sincerely,

Todd Novak
State Representative
51st Assembly District

Travis Tranel
State Representative
49th Assembly District