



## *Casper Boat Club*

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Senator John Barrasso  
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Dear Congresswoman Cubin, Senator Enzi and Senator Barrasso:

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention some changes that are being proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation that could have a large impact on users of Bureau of Reclamation land and lakes in Wyoming as well as Wyoming citizens and businesses. The notice of the proposed changes from the Federal Register is included for your reference.

We are specifically concerned with the impact of these changes to users of Alcova Lake and, more specifically, the negative impact these changes could have on the Casper Boat Club. Presently, the Casper Boat Club as well as the Alcova Marina, Casper Water Ski Club and many cabin and trailer owners lease land at Alcova Lake from the County of Natrona which leases the land from the Bureau of Reclamation. The county's lease with the Bureau of Reclamation is set to expire in 2016 and, according to the proposed changes there is a high probability that the lease will not be renewed leaving the boat club, ski club, marina and cabin and trailer owners without leases beyond 2016. We believe that this could have large negative impacts to the users and businesses that rely on Alcova Lake for recreation and revenue.

Here are some facts about the club for your consideration. The Casper Boat Club has been in existence since the late 1930's. The Casper Boat Club accepts all applicants for membership and does not discriminate in any way. As a non profit club any money the club takes in which is in excess of expenses is invested back in the club grounds and facilities. The club has worked hard on erosion control on the leased property which is a benefit to all users of Alcova Lake and meets or exceeds all regulatory requirements which helps to ensure the safety of lake users and maintain the environment of the area. Many of our events are open to non members such as the annual poker run which contributes generously to charity in Casper. This year alone the poker run raised and donated \$10,000 for Jason's Friends Foundation of Casper, an organization that assists families with children who have

