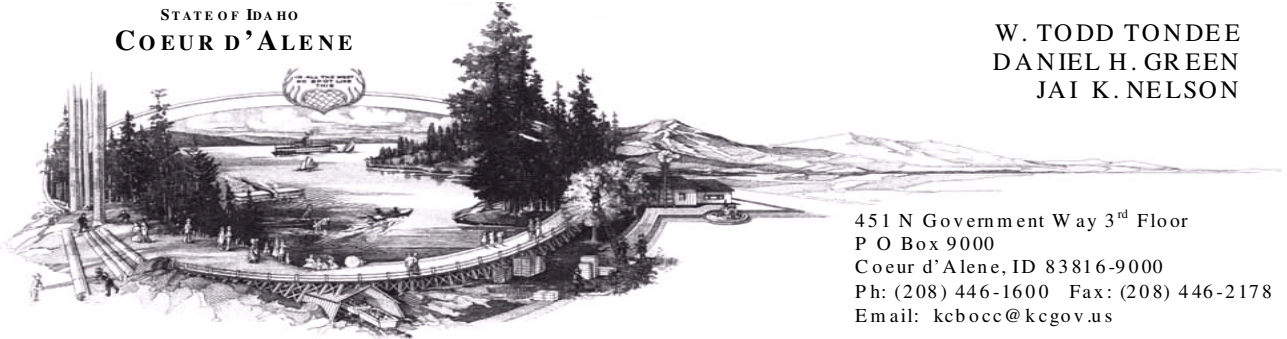


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KOOTENAI COUNTY FLOODING UPDATE

MAY 16, 2011 / 6:30 A.M.

COEUR D'ALENE RIVER AT CATALDO: The Coeur d'Alene River at Cataldo is above flood stage and expected to crest late Monday, May 16, 2011 at approximately 44.39 feet, or 1.39 feet above flood stage. Minor flood related problems are reported in the area. No homes or businesses are threatened at this time.

COEUR D'ALENE LAKE: Coeur d'Alene Lake is currently approximately 2.4 feet over summer level but approximately 2.6 feet below flood stage. The lake may reach flood stage by this time next week under current predictions. Boaters are encouraged to use common sense and courtesy with regards to low wake and no wake areas to avoid shoreline damage and erosion. If Coeur d'Alene Lake does reach flood stage of 2,133 feet above sea level, Kootenai County ordinance imposes a mandatory no wake zone for the entire lake.

HAYDEN LAKE: Hayden Lake continues to be managed by ground water absorption in the field below the spillway. The field is a recharge area for the Rathdrum-Spokane aquifer, and recent trenching in the field has helped the overflow water percolate into the aquifer. The Army Corps of Engineers plan on beginning work today on the earthen dam at the southwest corner of the lake in order to strengthen the dam due to some concerns regarding saturation of the structure. Boaters are reminded that there is a no-wake zone in effect in Honeysuckle Bay near the dike. The Honeysuckle Boat Ramp remains open at this time.

Major Ben Wolfinger

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