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Hauser Lake Watercraft Rinse Station & Signage

Hauser Lake is a 625 acre lake that is on average 21 feet deep. Hauser also is a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) listed impaired lake due to nutrient loading of phosphorous. The close proximity of Hauser to other regional lakes already infested with Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) makes it a prime candidate for infestation. The goal of the Hauser Lake Watershed Coalition (HLWC) is to prevent the infestation of the lake from EWM and other aquatic invasive species. This has been approached in two phases; first by installation of Idaho's first permanent watercraft rinse facility. The second phase was to improve signage at the site as part of the information program intended to educate the public about aquatic invasive species.



Financial assistance was provided through grants from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program. Panhandle Lakes RC&D was asked to administer the grants. The City of Hauser, a Panhandle Lakes RC&D "Sponsor", assumed ownership of the facility including operation and maintenance. A three-way agreement was developed which included the City of Hauser, Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Kootenai County Parks and Waterways. The MOU outlined approval to locate the facility, O&M responsibility and established a funding mechanism to use for maintenance..

