

Testimony to the Environmental Committee, Public hearing March 11th 2016
H.B. 5585 An act concerning the establishment of a kayak launch at Sunrise state park.

I fully support this bill.

Since acquiring the Sunrise property the DEEP has done a fabulous job of improving the property for the enjoyment of many people, but the project has fallen short of providing adequate river access for anyone wishing to enjoy the lower Salmon river from the water.

Currently the long distance from the parking area to the river launch makes access extremely difficult and almost impossible for anyone who's not in top physical condition.

Currently the closest area to launch a kayak from is the Salmon river boat launch at its junction with the CT river. This launch is very popular and often full demonstrating the popularity of the area and the need for additional river access. It's also used by a large number of power boaters making it somewhat unfriendly to kayakers.

Providing a "rooftop" launch at the sunrise property would give kayakers better access to the beautiful peaceful lower Salmon river. This section is enjoyed by many kayakers for fishing, bird watching, and just enjoying the quiet beauty this section of the river provides.

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