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TESTIMONY: WAKEBOATS ON SLACK'S RESERVOIR

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Wake boats travel back and forth in front of my property frequently. My house is located centrally to the lake. Wake boats travel back and forth in front of my property often. Their route is the only route that's long enough to be any fun for wake surfing ~~or wake boarding~~. The shoreline directly across my property is about 150 feet away and the maximum depth is 10 feet wide in the middle.

In the fall of 2023, I hired masons experienced with masonry constructed in and near water to restore stairs leading from the edge of my shoreline into the water. They assured me that the stairs would withstand the powerful waves generated by the water. The very next season, the foundation to the stairs started to crumble. I had to call the mason to come back and rebuild the stairs. He also strategically placed large rocks at the bottom of the stairs to help secure the structure.

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