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Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands Seeks Feedback on Final Draft Great Salt Lake Comprehensive Management Plan

SALT LAKE CITY, UT – The Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL) has recently completed the Great Salt Lake Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) and Mineral Leasing Plan (MLP) and is seeking public comment and participation at a final round of public meetings.

After a two-year planning process, FFSL is enthusiastic about presenting its revised CMP and MLP to the public. According to FFSL's Project Manager Laura Ault, "Our revised management plans will allow FFSL to provide management direction during the lake's fluctuating levels. The Lake Level Matrix that was developed as part of this planning process has allowed us to more comprehensively understand what happens to the lake at a range of lake level elevations. The management strategies we've recently developed, together with the stakeholders, will allow us to plan for and mitigate effects resulting from fluctuations in lake level." The CMP also calls for increased coordination between state agencies regarding permitting, management, and research on Great Salt Lake. The revised MLP clarifies the areas potentially available for future leasing and proposes project-specific analysis to more completely understand the compatibility with other lake resources.

The CMP and MLP will be available for review on the FFSL website starting March 7, 2012 at: www.gslplanning.utah.gov.

Throughout the month of March, FFSL and SWCA Environmental Consultants will also present information on the CMP and MLP at public meetings in Box Elder, Davis, Salt Lake, Tooele, and Weber counties. These meetings will provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions, submit comments, and speak to FFSL and SWCA project managers.

Currently, meetings are set up for the following:

Tuesday March 20, 2012 • 6–8 PM

Davis County North Branch Library, 562 South 1000 East, Clearfield, Utah

Wednesday March 21, 2012 • 6–8 PM

Tooele County Courthouse, 47 South Main Street, Tooele, Utah

Thursday March 22, 2012 • 6–8 PM

Day-Riverside Library, 1575 West 1000 North, Salt Lake City, Utah

Tuesday March 27, 2012 • 6–8 PM
Brigham City Library, 26 East Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah

Wednesday March 28, 2012 • 6–8 PM
Weber County Library, 2464 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, Utah

Upon closure of the 45-day comment period, substantive public comments will be incorporated into the final CMP and MLP. Further, a CMP Decision Document will be completed that provides the rationale for FFSL adoption of the CMP. Once the Decision Document is signed by FFSL Director Richard Buehler, the CMP and MLP will provide management guidance to FFSL into the coming decade.

For more information about the project or to submit comments, contact Ms. Laura Vernon at 257 East 200 South, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111; 801-322-4307; or lvernon@swca.com. The deadline for comments is April 26, 2012.

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