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Utah Lake Sovereign Lands Temporary Lease Withdrawal

Lehi- In 2011, the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL) received applications from residential property owners adjacent to Utah Lake for the installation of private boat docks or piers on sovereign lands. During review of these applications, FFSL determined that the existing Utah Lake Comprehensive Management Plan (ULCMP) does not provide adequate guidance in the permitting of such structures. Therefore, FFSL decided to amend the ULCMP to address this.

Utah Administrative Code R652-90-700 allows FFSL to withdrawal sovereign lands from any or all surface land use during the planning process, including an amendment to a CMP. As such, on December 1, 2011, FFSL implemented a withdrawal of sovereign lands at Utah Lake from the permitting of boat docks/piers for private, residential use. The withdrawal is effective for a period of 9 months or at the completion of the CMP amendment process, whichever happens first, unless extended by the Director.

The Division is planning to conduct two public meetings to gather public input regarding this issue before finalizing the amendment to the CMP. The public meetings dates and locations include:

Thursday, February 16, 2012, Saratoga Springs City Council Chambers

Address: 1307 N. Commerce Drive, Suite 200, Saratoga Springs

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Thursday, February 23, 2012, Utah County Health and Justice Building Room 1600

Address: 151 S. University Avenue, Provo

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

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