The Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands has received a nomination for an exchange of lands at Utah Lake. Lake Restoration Solutions, Inc. has submitted a proposal to exchange sovereign lakebed land for a comprehensive restoration project at Utah Lake that is intended to protect and promote public trust values including, but not limited to:

- Restoring water clarity and water quality
- Conserving water resources in and around the lake
- Preserving the water storage and water supply functions of the lake
- Removing invasive Phragmites and carp species from the lake
- Restoring littoral zone and other plant communities
- Restoring and conserving native fish and other aquatic species including the Bonneville cutthroat trout and June sucker
- Increasing the suitability of the lake and its surrounding areas for shore birds, waterfowl and other avian species
- Improving navigability of the lake
- Maximizing and ensuring recreational access and opportunities on Utah Lake
- Enhancing recreational opportunities on the lake and otherwise improving the use of the lake for residents and visitors

The proposed “Comprehensive Lake Restoration Project” would require significant infrastructure activities including dredging and the creation of one or more islands within Utah Lake. It is proposed that certain portions of Utah Lake sovereign lands affected by these activities be exchanged for the cost of the proposed restoration activities. The exact acreage will be determined based on engineering requirements, consultation with the State of Utah and other applicable requirements.

Pursuant to R652-80-400 the Division is required to solicit competing exchange proposals involving Sovereign lands.

**This offering is open November 27, 2017 to January 08, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. MST**

Pursuant to R652-30-500(2)(g) and R652-80-200 the Division will evaluate competing bids using the following criteria:
• Income potential,
• Ability of proposed use to enhance adjacent state property,
• Proposed timetable for development,
• Ability of applicant to perform satisfactorily, and
• Desirability of proposed use.

Exchange Conditions:
• An application for exchange can be found on the Division’s website.
• A $1000 application fee must accompany each proposal. This fee is non-refundable.
• Exchange will be subject to Division statute, rule and policy.
• Permits may be required from other local, state and federal agencies.
• The successful applicant will be charged an amount equal to all appraisal and advertisement costs.

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