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FFSL Conducts Revision of the 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 initiated a revision of the Great Salt Lake Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) to provide management direction to FFSL for protection and use of Great Salt Lake resources for the next ten years. The new management plan will incorporate a wealth of new scientific data that has been developed since the current plan was adopted in 2000. Various management scenarios for the Great Salt Lake will be considered, taking into account environmental, social, and economic impacts. The analysis of new data during the planning process will also influence any revisions to FFSL's Mineral Leasing Plan.

Throughout the month of August, FFSL and SWCA Environmental Consultants will present information regarding the CMP revision process at County Commissioners meetings in Box Elder, Davis, Salt Lake, Tooele, and Weber counties. Currently, meetings are set up for Weber County on August 10th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Davis County on August 17th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Salt Lake County on August 17th from 4 to 7 p.m., Tooele County on August 24th from 3 to 6 p.m., and Box Elder County on August 31st, from 9 a.m. to noon.

All residents are encouraged to attend or contact their county commission for additional information after the meeting. "Public involvement is an important part of the planning process" stated FFSL's Project Manager Laura Ault, adding "public comments and concerns will play an integral role in issue identification and alternative development for the revised plan."

Once management issues have been identified, FFSL will develop a range of management actions to meet the needs of the resource. A range of four management action alternatives will be analyzed via a set of comprehensive criteria that will incorporate the importance of the public trust and sustainable uses of the Great Salt Lake. The alternatives analysis and preliminary assessment of each of the lake's resources will be available for public comment at the second round of public meetings later this year. Upon incorporation of substantive public comment, a Draft CMP will be developed that contains strategies to implement the preferred alternative. The Draft CMP will be available for public comment in the Spring of 2011. The Final CMP and Decision Document will be completed by February 2012.

For more information about the project and/or to be added to our mailing list, contact Ms. Laura Vernon at: 257 East 200 South, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111; 801-322-4307; or lverson@swca.com. Project information and additional public meeting information can also be obtained on the project website at <http://www.gslplanning.utah.gov/>.

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