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

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

According to FFSL's Project Manager Laura Ault, "one of the challenges of the earlier plan was its inability to adjust management for fluctuating lake levels. Our current plan uses a lake level approach to examine resources at low (4,188-4,197 feet), medium (4,198-4,202 feet), and high (4,205-4,213+ feet) lake elevations, which will give us a much better ability to plan for and mitigate impacts prior to the lake reaching levels detrimental to a particular resource. We are excited to see the plan move forward using this innovative management approach and look forward to public feedback."

The CMP will be available for review on the FFSL website starting May 2, 2011 at: www.gslplanning.utah.gov.

Throughout the month of May, 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 speak with FFSL and SWCA Project Managers, learn about the lake level approach and matrix, review Draft CMP, and submit comments.

Currently, meetings are set up for:

- May 12 from 6-8 p.m. in Box Elder County at the Box Elder County Courthouse on 01 South Main Street in Brigham City
- May 17 from 6-8 p.m. in Weber County at the Weber Center on 2380 Washington Blvd. in Ogden
- May 18 from 6-8 p.m. in Davis County at the Memorial Courthouse on 28 East State Street in Farmington
- May 19 from 6-8 p.m. in Tooele County at the County Courthouse on 47 South Main Street in Tooele
- May 24 from 6-8 p.m. in Salt Lake County at the Utah Department of Natural Resources on 1594 West North Temple in Salt Lake City

Upon incorporation of substantive public comment, lake management strategies will be developed to address resource concerns at identified critical lake levels. The complete Draft CMP, including current conditions and lake level strategies, and MLP will be available for public comment in the fall of 2011. The Final CMP and Decision Document will be completed by February 2012.

For more information about the project, to submit comments, 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 lvernon@swca.com. The deadline for comments is June 2, 2011.

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