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State of Utah Begins Work to Evaluate Great Salt Lake's Future Water Resources

SALT LAKE CITY, UT – Several state agencies, led by the Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (FFSL), are beginning work to evaluate how future changes in Great Salt Lake and its watershed could influence the lake and its resources.

A recurring challenge that State resource agencies face is first defining and then understanding how critical factors in Great Salt Lake's watershed can influence the lake's water levels and salinity and subsequently the resources the lake supports. According to FFSL's Project Manager Laura Vernon, "The tool we are developing will help us understand how water availability to Great Salt Lake could change and what the subsequent impacts to the Great Salt Lake resources would be. This tool will allow us to more sustainably manage the lake's economic and ecological resources. We are excited to begin this work and look forward to public feedback."

FFSL and its consultants will host a public information meeting on Wednesday, June 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Utah Department of Natural Resources on 1594 West North Temple in Salt Lake City. This meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to speak with FFSL and CH2M Project Managers, learn about the project's goals and objectives, and provide comments on the project's direction.

The project is expected to be completed by July 2016. The public is encouraged to obtain further information, follow the project's progress, and be added to the project mailing list at the following website: <http://bit.ly/gsliwrm>. Additional public meetings are planned for the end of this year.

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