



Media Information

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A First - Jordan River to Undergo Comprehensive Management Plan Public Comment Meetings Are One Of The First Steps

SALT LAKE CITY, UT – The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL) is developing a Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) for the Jordan River. The River has not previously been managed under its own CMP, but the same planning process has directed the management of other bodies of sovereign land like Great Salt Lake, Bear Lake and Utah Lake. Throughout the month of June FFSL will present information regarding the process and seek public participation at open house meetings in Davis, Salt Lake, and Utah counties. The meetings will be held in Davis County on June 11th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Salt Lake County on June 16th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Utah County on June 17th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All residents are encouraged to attend the public open house meeting in their county.

“Public involvement is an important part of the Jordan River planning process” stated FFSL's Project Manager Laura Vernon, adding "suggestions and concerns concerning the River will play an integral role in issue identification and the development of management plan objectives.”

FFSL and its contractors (SWCA Environmental Consultants, CRSA, and Hansen, Allen & Luce), will analyze resource management issues identified during the public involvement process to craft a Draft CMP. The Draft CMP will include a range of management objectives and actions based on the public trust and sustainable uses of the Jordan River. Management objectives and actions and an assessment of each of the River's resources will be available for review during a second round of public meetings scheduled for May 2016. A formal 45-day comment period on the Draft CMP will occur in the spring of 2016. It is anticipated that the Final CMP and Decision Document will be completed in September 2016.

Utah Admin Code R652-2-100 authorizes FFSL to prescribe land management objectives for sovereign lands. The beds of navigable waters within the state, including the Jordan River, are owned by the state but held in trust for the public. FFSL is required to ensure that all uses on, beneath or above the bed of the Jordan River are regulated to protect navigation, fish and wildlife habitat, aquatic beauty, public recreation and water quality. The development of a comprehensive management plan will ensure that FFSL maintains clear and consistent guidance on the management of the Jordan River resources.

For more information about the project and/or to be added to our mailing list, contact Brian Nicholson at 801-322-4307 or bnicholson@swca.com or Laura Vernon at 801-538-5530 or lauravernon@utah.gov. Project information and additional public meeting information can also be obtained on the project website at <http://www.jordanrivercmp.com>.

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