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## Water Quality Seeks Input by way of Survey

Salt Lake City, Utah – The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) will be mailing surveys at the end of July to randomly selected households throughout the state of Utah, seeking input that will help guide decisions on how to best manage Utah's spectacular lakes and rivers.

The aim of the survey is to estimate the importance that Utah residents place on good water quality for recreational use and enjoyment and to protect the quality of life for future generations living in Utah. Utah State University has assembled a team of experts to summarize the responses and provide the results to DWQ.

“Every resident of the state has a stake in our future, so even if you aren’t a regular visitor to any waterways in Utah, please answer the questions that pertain to you and your household,” said Walt Baker, director of DWQ. “We need your opinions, too.”

The Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center at the University of Wyoming is coordinating the survey, which should be answered by someone 18 years of age or older. This will help ensure the survey reflects a broad cross-section of Utahns. After completing the survey, DWQ asks that participants mail it back as soon as possible in the provided postage-paid envelope.

All answers are confidential. Respondents will also have an opportunity to write in comments and opinions. For more information, visit: <http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/nutrient/economic.htm>.

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