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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY UTAH
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE TO ISSUE A §401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the State of Utah's intention to issue a §401 Water Quality Certification with Conditions under the authority of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341), and consistent is with the Utah Water Quality Act, Title 19, Chapter 5, Utah Code Ann. 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-15

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME:	Utah State Parks and Recreation
MAILING ADDRESS:	1594 W North Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84116
PROJECT LOCATION:	Rendezvous Beach: 41.84787°, -111.34204°; Rainbow Cove: 41.97377°, -111.27137°; and North Eden Beach: 42.00631°, -111.26450
DWQ CERTIFICATION NO.:	DWQ-2019-04001
WATERCOURSES:	Bear Lake

BACKGROUND

The applicant is proposing to annually maintain three separate beaches along the Bear Lake Shoreline: Rendezvous Beach 320 acres, Rainbow Cove 48 acres and North Eden 23 acres. Lower lake levels have allowed vegetation to encroach closer to current water levels, resulting in a loss of recreational beaches and creation of safety hazards for boaters. Work would be conducted through discing or harrowing of these beaches to prevent regrowth of vegetation. Also, included with this work would be the removal of dead trees and stumps that are a hazard to boaters. This annual maintenance would help in preventing vegetation growth along these beaches when water levels are low and control sand flies. The work would take place below the ordinary high water mark and in areas with less than 5% hydrophytic vegetation. Based on the available information, the overall project purpose is to improve boater safety and enhance the beaches for recreation. The applicant believes there is a need to improve and provide safer and better beaches at these three locations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **June 20, 2019**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Leanna Littler, UPDES Surface Water Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: lnlittler@utah.gov. After considering public comment the Utah Division of Water Quality may execute the Certification issuance, revise it or abandon it. The permit is available for public review under <https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/water-quality-public-notice>. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Leanna Littler at 801-536-4397.

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