



October 12, 2015



Subject: Bear Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan (Plan) Approval Request

Dear Mr. Peterson,

Thank you for your efforts to understand, protect, and improve Bear Lake! This letter is to notify you that the APM Plan, dated December 2014, meets the criteria under Administrative Code NR 198.43 and thus DNR has approved the APM Plan. Approved management recommendations outlined below are eligible for funding under Lake Management Planning and Aquatic Invasive Species grants subject to the application requirements of those programs.


Approved management recommendations include the following:

1. AIS prevention activities including watercraft inspection and volunteer monitoring
2. Educational activities including workshops and signage
3. Lake and AIS monitoring and management planning activities

Please note: Aquatic plant or algae control for the purposes of nuisance relief or navigation are *not* grant eligible activities. The Department reserves the right to inspect nuisance or navigation conditions prior to permitting the treatment of aquatic plants or algae. If mechanical harvesting is deemed necessary, a specific harvest plan and map will be developed following a summer field visit with DNR Biologists prior to commencing any harvesting activities. Also, harvesting expenses such as operation, maintenance, trucking, disposal, staff time, etc. are not grant eligible.

Thanks to you and the lake community for continuing your efforts to protect Bear Lake.

Sincerely,

  
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