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Subject: Union Pacific Railroad Bridge on the Causeway
RDCC Project 41600

Dear Ms. Anderson:

The State of Utah has reviewed the permit proposal concerning the closure of the east culvert on the causeway across the Great Salt Lake. The Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands has conveyed some concerns and submitted the following comments the State of Utah would like addressed:

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (FFSL) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments related to the closure of the culverts on the causeway at the Great Salt Lake. The bed of Great Salt Lake is owned by the State of Utah and managed by the FFSL.

FFSL prefers a mitigation solution for the culvert closures to accomplish the following two purposes: 1) allow for circulation between the North and South arms of the lake, 2) provide for navigation between the North and South arms of the lake. As the owner of the bed of Great Salt Lake, the Division requests and hopes that the function of the culverts will be compensated for through the construction of a bridge or bridges or through the construction of other compensatory means.

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The State of Utah believes that these issues can be resolved cooperatively, and we look forward to working with you to convene the necessary working meetings to resolve the concerns raised. Please call Mr. John Harja at (801) 537-9802 with any other questions about the requests contained in this letter.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Clarke
Director