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Dear Utah Livestock Producer

Approximately two-thirds of the land in Utah is managed by some governmental agency (BLM, Forest Service, State of Utah [SITLA], Park Service, etc). The Utah legislature gave researchers at Utah State University a grant to provide socio-economic information that these agencies and local units of government can use in resolving land management issues. This survey is one part of this grant.

One of the important uses of publically managed lands as well as private lands in Utah involves grazing by domestic livestock. Members of the State Grazing Advisory Board strongly encourage you to participate in this study by completing one of the enclosed questionnaires. One questionnaire is designed for those who currently have one or more permits to graze livestock on lands that are administered by a land management agency (for example, BLM, Forest Service, SITLA). The second is designed for livestock operators who do not have a permit to graze on lands administered by a government land management agency. This survey is also supported by the Utah Cattlemen, Wool growers, Farm Bureau, and Department of Agriculture and Food. The information you provide is needed to help us assess the role and importance of livestock grazing in Utah.

Your name was selected from a list of farms and ranches maintained by the Utah office of USDA's Agricultural Statistics Service. They are cooperating in this project but will not see the responses received and we will not see the names and addresses of those being mailed a questionnaire. All information received will remain confidential. Information provided by any individual will not be revealed. Questionnaires will be separated from return envelopes so there is no way to determine who provided what response. Your participation is voluntary and greatly appreciated!

Please return your response in the enclosed business reply envelope.

Should you have any questions concerning the study, please contact Bruce Godfrey (bruceg@ext.usu.edu or 435-797-2294) at Utah State University who is directing the work dealing with livestock grazing on public lands. Copies of the questionnaires used are also posted on public lands section of the agribusiness web site at USU (<http://extension.usu.edu/agribusiness/>).

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely yours

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