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Comments Due: March 17, 2001

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

SUBJECT: Application for a Department of the Army permit under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act to build access roads in the Timber Lakes area of Wasatch County, Utah, as shown in the attached drawings.

APPLICANT: Mr. Tom Hansen
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
LDS Church Heber Valley Family/Youth Camp
Temple Construction Department/Special Projects
15 East South Temple, JSMB
Salt Lake City, UT 84150

LOCATION: This 8100 acres parcel is located in Sections 13 and 24 of Township 4 South and Range 5 East, and in Sections 7, 8, 9, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 30 of Township 4 South and Range 6 East, in East of Heber City, in Wasatch County, Utah.

PURPOSE: The purpose is to place 96.1 cubic yards of fill material in 1433 linear feet of stream and drainage for construction of road crossings for access for the new Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Heber Valley Family and Youth Camp.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project is a planned recreation community for LDS family and youth camping purposes. The project is a master planned recreation community as encouraged and specified by the Wasatch County Development Code of Large Scale Recreational Developments within the Recreation Forestry (RF-1) zone. Project activities consist of grading, drainage, structure work, surfacing, signing, waterlines, sewerlines, gas, power and spring development.

AREA DESCRIPTION: The proposed LDS Church Heber Valley Family and Youth Camp is located East of Heber City adjacent to the Timber Lakes Development. The area elevation ranges between 6,000 to 10,000 feet and is in the Center Creek and Lake Creek drainages. Most drainages on this site are ephemeral. The drainages typically have less than 20 percent vegetation. The channels are well defined in the vicinity of the road crossings. This area presently has a road network, which will be improved. The area has also supported grazing,

and in many places, has been over grazed. The springs which are proposed for development provide some support to downstream wetland systems. The site has 234 acres of wetlands and numerous drainages over the approximate 8,100 acres.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The applicant has been working with the Utah Regulatory Staff to reduce the impacts. At present, all impacts to waters of the United States include the crossing of four perennial streams, and 26 ephemeral drainages for the road construction, and the development of four springs for culinary water. As applied, the project does not impact any special aquatic sites.

The Camp will be a seasonal operation running from June 10 through October 15, with weekend winter camping between November 1 and April 30. The four springs have an average combined flow of 322.6 acre feet per year of which 59.8 acre feet per year will be diverted for culinary usage.

The applicant has not formally proposed mitigation. However, the applicant has discussed the probability of restoring those roads which will not be improved.

Presently unknown cultural resources may be located in the permit area.

This activity would not affect any known threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.

The District Engineer has made this determination based on information provided by the applicant and on the Corps' preliminary investigation.

Certification for this project according to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act has been requested from the Utah Division of Water Quality. The Utah Division of Water Quality intends to issue certification, provided that the proposed work will not violate applicable water quality standards. Projects are usually certified where the project may create diffuse sources (nonpoint sources) of wastes which will occur only during the actual construction activity, and where best management practices will be employed to minimize pollution effects. Written comments on water quality certification should be submitted to Mr. William O. Moellmer, Ph.D., Utah Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144780, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119-4870, on or before **March 17, 2001**.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on or before **March 17, 2001**. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation,

shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

If additional information is required, please contact Mr. Jim Hansen with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, telephone (801)240-3104, or Mr. Anthony Curtis, in the Utah Regulatory Office, 1403 South 600 West, Suite A, Bountiful, Utah 84010 or, telephone (801) 295-8380.

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District Engineer

Enclosures: Drawing(s)