

April 5, 2008

TO: Mike Styler, Director of Natural Resources

RE: Hook Canyon Pump Project on Bear Lake

**I am totally opposed to this project in its entirety as any kind of pump project on Bear Lake.**

It is inconceivable to me that a project of this nature would ever be proposed in an area so unique to the state of Utah. Bear Lake is a virtual ecosystem unto itself with four endemic fish species, a fragile marl bottom so important to the turquoise blue color of the lake that in no small way impacts the economy of Rich County and all the communities nearby. These people survive on the summer tourism and any adverse impact to Bear Lake would be devastating to all of them as well.

Bear Lake has been part of my family for four generations. We are property owners on the south end of the lake. We have pulled tamarisk trees from its shores, chased carp in its shallow water, fished the Bonneville cisco and had our spirits healed while gazing out at its vast and spectacular expanse of crystal clear blue water.

This pump project proposal should be shot down immediately! Besides the obvious reasons, which include upsetting the natural chemical balance of the lake water itself as well as the economic impact to the people who depend on tourism, this project is also a complete misappropriation of public funds for private gain. The power generated would be sold to the highest bidder and we would be left with yet another trashed natural resource; with no way to mitigate any negative impact to the lake. How many of these pump projects do you see at Lake Tahoe? How do you think those property owners would react to a "murky" lake?

Please give your support to the opposition of this project. We can't sit by and accept the potential for destruction of this recreational gem and one of our few natural lakes. Vince Lamarra can create his own reservoir and fill it with his own water and pump until the cows come home, BUT NOT ON BEAR LAKE! And not at the expense of Rich County.

Sincerely,

Kathy R. White