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Hello! We are seeking input on our wetland mapping program. We want to know how well the currently available wetland mapping data is serving your needs and to identify priorities for areas to update mapping or additional attribution to add to the mapping. Please take a minute to fill out the survey which can be found here: <https://goo.gl/forms/yCJVJ0AekbhQBTq23> Please forward to any partners that may be interested in wetland mapping. We are particularly interested in getting the survey to as many local entities as possible.

The most up-to-date wetland mapping for the state can be viewed on the Utah Wetlands mapper here: <https://geology.utah.gov/resources/data-databases/utah-wetlands/> and is available for download online at AGRC. These data include recently updated mapping that is not yet available through the National Wetlands Inventory mapper. All Cowardin codes are crosswalked to easy to understand wetland types and subtypes, such as emergent meadow and permanent streambed. The Utah Wetlands mapper also includes links to mapping reports and field assessment studies when available.

Mapping Priorities? Uinta Basin

We will be mapping wetlands and riparian areas in part of the Uinta Basin next summer. Wetlands in the Uinta Basin were originally mapped in the 1980s and none of the riparian area was mapped at the time. If you work in this area, help us identify priority watersheds within the Basin for our mapping project. Contact Ryhan Sempler at rsempler@utah.gov.

Assessment Priorities? Bear River Watershed

We will be conducting wetland field assessments in part of the Bear River watershed next summer. These surveys will allow us to better understand the condition of wetlands in the watershed as well as their potential to serve important water quality and wildlife habitat functions. We will also characterize plant communities and estimate the prevalence of common wetland stressors. We are interested in hearing from partners about priority areas within the watershed where we should focus our survey efforts. Contact Diane Menuz at dmenuz@utah.gov.

Guide to Great Salt Lake Plants

There is a great new resource available for Great Salt Lake wetland plants, *Wetland Plants of Great Salt Lake, A Guide to Identification, Communities, and Bird Habitat* by Downard et al. The

book includes species' descriptions for most plants seen around the lake and very detailed photographs to aid with identification. The book also links wetland plant communities with associated bird species and includes information on managing habitat for wildlife. The book is available for download for free through Utah State University (http://digitalcommons.usu.edu/extension_curall/1761/).