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PRESS ALERT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FRIENDS OF GREAT SALT LAKE TO LECTURE

Ms. Lynn de Freitas, Executive Director of FRIENDS of the Great Salt Lake, is being hosted by the Center for Integrated BioSystems (CIB) to speak on *Working to Protect a Hemispherically Important Ecosystem - Great Salt Lake*. Since 1994, FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake has advocated for the preservation and protection of the Great Salt Lake ecosystem. Ms. Freitas' presentation will focus on the formation of FRIENDS, its work, GSL 101, and concerns about the recent award of a 10-year mineral lease of 23,088 acres (36 square miles) on the west side of the lake to Great Salt Lake Minerals for mineral extraction.

The Center for Integrated BioSystems is sponsoring this presentation as a part of their on-going work in the Great Salt Lake. This long-standing interest in the ecology and microbiology of the lake has led to discoveries of unique organisms that inhabit this environment. These discoveries not only help us to understand the role the Great Salt Lake plays in our environment, but also provide a model for understanding life forms in extreme environments.

The public is invited to the lecture.

**12:30 p.m.,
Thursday, April 17, 2008
Room 154
Merrill-Cazier Library
Utah State University**
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