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Dear Fernan Lake Watershed Resident,

The survey included in this packet is part of a University of Idaho research project in the Fernan Lake watershed to understand how we as humans interact with the landscape around us. The Fernan Lake watershed is comprised of all the land that eventually drains to the lake and includes all properties from the ridge tops to the valley. All households in the Fernan Lake watershed are receiving this short survey and we greatly appreciate your willingness to participate. If there is more than one person in your household, please have the adult resident whose birthday was most recent complete this survey. All information collected will be held confidentially upon compliance with protection of human assurances within University policies. No identifying information will be used in association with analyzing or presenting results of the study.

As some background, blue-green algae growth occurs naturally, but human activities can significantly increase the frequency of blooms. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has identified excess amounts of phosphorus as the driver of the recurrent algae blooms in Fernan Lake. Some types of blue-green algae produce cyanotoxins which can threaten human and animal health, thus diminishing the use and enjoyment of the lake.

Please mail your completed survey in the enclosed stamped and addressed envelope by **April 1**. As a thank you for your participation in this survey, the Fernan Lake Conservation and Recreation Association has generously donated three raffle prizes:

1st place: iPod Nano (approximate \$150 value)

2nd place: \$50 Fred Meyer gift card

3rd place: \$25 cash

To be entered into the drawing, please tear off one end of the raffle ticket included in this packet and return it with your completed survey. The winning numbers will be posted on the following sites by **April 4th**: www.facebook.com/flcra, www.idahoecosystems.org/cda, and www.fernannvillage.org. Winners will have one week to claim their prizes and first response gets the first choice of gift.

For more information on this research project, please go to our project website (idahoecosystems.org), or contact Dr. Mark Solomon at msolomon@uidaho.edu or (208) 885-6337.

Thank you,



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