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Dear Fernan Lake Watershed Undeveloped Property Owner:

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 owners of record of undeveloped property 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. Please mail your completed survey in the enclosed stamped and addressed envelope by **April 1**.

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.

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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