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**State of Utah**

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Dr. Peter Mayer  
Executive Director  
World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations  
c/o Federal Office and Research Centre for Forests Mariabrunn  
Austria AT 1140  
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Dear Dr. Mayer:

On behalf of the great State of Utah, I am pleased to extend a personal invitation to the World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations to consider Salt Lake City as the site for the 2014 World Congress.

The natural scenic beauty, recreational opportunities, and historic attractions of Utah are assets to be enjoyed by all visitors. Salt Lake City is literally the crossroads of the West, and the center of a dynamic and flourishing state and region. Your participants will find Utah to be a friendly state filled with exciting and interesting things to see and do. Utah has world class ski resorts, unlimited sightseeing in five national parks, and extensive recreational activities from water sports to mountain hiking.

We are proud of the record we have established as a proven host for many national and regional gatherings. We look forward to providing your members with *Life Elevated* experiences in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sincerely,

  
Jon M. Huntsman Jr.  
Governor