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To: ***International Union of Forest Research Organizations*** (IUFRO)  
c/o Federal Office and Research Centre for Forests  
Mariabrunn (BFW)  
Hauptstrasse 7  
A-1140 Vienna, Austria

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Dear Dr. Mayer

The Salt Lake Chamber is Utah's largest business association and Utah's Business Leader. With roots that go back to 1887, the Chamber has been standing as the voice of business, supporting its members' success and championing community prosperity for over 100 years. The Chamber represents over 4200 businesses statewide and one in every three jobs in the Utah economy.

The Salt Lake Chamber enthusiastically supports an opportunity to host the 2014 *International Union of Forest Research Organizations World Congress* in Salt Lake City. We believe that Utah is an ideal destination for this event. Our unique combination of growing economic opportunities, government commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability, internationally recognized exhibition facilities and world-class lodging and resort destinations will make us a wonderful host.

In addition, Salt Lake City International Airport offers easy access to the downtown area and its major exhibition and lodging facilities. It is conveniently located 20 minutes away from downtown Salt Lake and is a host to Delta Airlines Hub with direct flights to France, Canada, Mexico and starting June 2009, Japan.

We encourage you to consider Salt Lake City Utah as the destination for the 2014 International Union of Forest Research Organizations World Congress.

Sincerely,

Lane Beattie  
President and CEO