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Health Department Lifts Final Portion of Oil Spill Health Order

Red Butte Creek now open to public access

(Salt Lake County) –After four months of intensive clean-up efforts, the Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) today rescinds the amended health order issued on August 10, which limits public access to the Red Butte Creek between 2300 East and 600 East in Salt Lake County. Although the ban is lifted, health officials are asking the public to refrain from accessing the land surrounding both Red Butte Creek and the Jordan River, as vegetation still needs time to recover; immediate access by the public may slow that process, and healthy vegetation will be essential to flood control this coming spring.

“We’ve removed the booms and will continue long-term monitoring, but are still urging the public to keep off the surrounding land so that the vegetation may restore to its original state,” said SLVHD Executive Director Gary Edwards.

The original June 15th health order was issued as a result of the Chevron Pipeline oil spill and restricted public access to both Red Butte Creek and parts of the Jordan River.

For more information contact the SLVHD at www.slvhealth.org.

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