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**Tour of Utah Announces Pro Team Selection**  
America's Toughest Stage Race™ is Ready to Roll

**SALT LAKE CITY – April 9, 2008** – The Tour of Utah, billed as America's Toughest Stage Race, announced it has solidified its initial lineup of professional cycling teams for the mid-August event. The teams consist of some of the best cyclists in the world. They will compete for a share of the \$75,000 purse and valuable National Racing Calendar points. Making the announcement is Tour of Utah Executive Director, Terry McGinnis.

Seven teams are returning from the 2006 Tour: Healthnet, Toyota United, Slipstream, BMC Racing, Bissell, Symmetrics and Successful Living. New to the Tour are Rock Racing, Team Type 1, Jelly Belly and Jittery Joes. The Tour of Utah will add six to eight amateur teams to the lineup, including at least one from Utah.

“Riders from all over the globe, including Canada, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Columbia, will test themselves over Utah's challenging terrain,” said McGinnis. “The competition will be 5 days long, cover 340 miles and over 30,000 feet of climbing.”

The 2008 Tour of Utah will take place August 13-17 in Park City, Sanpete County, Salt Lake City, Ogden, Nephi and towns in Summit, Wasatch, Weber, Utah and Tooele counties.

“Tour of Utah attracts the cream of the crop,” said Utah resident and Bissell pro Burke Swindlehurst. “It's one of the most challenging courses on the National Racing Calendar and not one to miss.”

McGinnis also thanked a number of sponsors for their support of the Tour. Larry H. Miller, Zions Bank, Bingham's Cyclery, Specialized, Sinclair, Glacéau Vitamin Water and 1<sup>st</sup> Endurance are currently the Tour's earliest supporters. FFKR Architects, Sahara, KJZZ, David Holland's, Reynolds Cycling, Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau, Ski Utah, Snowbird, Suunto, Tifosi, University Health Care, Capital Confidence Advisors and Vanguard Media Group have also contributed to the race.

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“We are pleased to support this cornerstone in the National Racing Calendar, and seeing all the great teams perform” said Rob Brough, Executive VP of Communications at Zions Bank. “There is so much excitement about the Tour of Utah this year, it feels like a once-in-a-lifetime event.”

The Tour is also looking for Utahns to volunteer in the following: course marshal, hospitality, medical control, security and volunteer assistance. Over 50 enthusiasts have already come forth to volunteer, but McGinnis says more are needed. The Tour is also offering the opportunity for Utah families to host Tour of Utah racers.

The 2008 Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah Presented by Zions Bank is expected to proceed as follows:

- August 13, Stage One: Sanpete Road Race**
- August 14, Stage Two: Ogden to Salt Lake**
- August 15, Stage Three: Downtown SLC Criterium**
- August 16, Stage Four: Park City to Snowbird**
- August 17, Stage Five: Miller MotorSports Park Individual TT**

For more information on the Tour, sponsorship opportunities, or how to volunteer, visit [www.tourofutah.com](http://www.tourofutah.com) or contact Terry McGinnis at [terrymac@xmission.com](mailto:terrymac@xmission.com).

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