MEDIA TO COVER GROWTH SUMMIT

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Population growth has impacted Utah's communities, roads, schools and economy. Now it's coming to a newspaper, television channel and radio station near you.

Major Utah television and radio stations have agreed to suspend regular programming Dec. 6 to broadcast an hourlong session of Gov. Mike Leavitt's ``Utah Growth Summit," a public forum on solutions to cope with the state's growing pains.

``Growth is an enormously powerful, large issue that will dominate political discussions for the next decade," Leavitt said Thursday in announcing the media coverage. ``The problems have to be dealt with. We've got to get solutions on the table."

The summit will be held Dec. 6 and 7 at Cottonwood High School, with public input continuing Dec. 8 on radio stations and the Internet, where the state has installed a special World Wide Web page (http://www/state.ut.us./summit).

The one-hour broadcast special will air Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. on radio stations statewide and television stations KUTV-2, KTVX-4, KSL-5, KUED-7, KBYU-11, KSTU-13 and KJZZ-14. The weekend before the summit, daily newspapers in Utah will carry an insert summarizing key issues to be discussed.