

Central Wasatch Commission Update





**CENTRAL
WASATCH
COMMISSION**

Utah Transit Authority
Presentation
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The Central Wasatch Commission

A unique effort

Local governments and elected officials operating by consensus to address longstanding issues and aspirations for the Central Wasatch Mountains.

Convenes

Conflict resolution

Achieve cooperation

Assist State





Member Jurisdictions



Member Jurisdiction Benefits

Consensus approach to land and
watershed protection and decision making

Consensus-based transportation
approach

Short-Term improvements in the
mountains

The Visitor-Use Study

The Environmental Dashboard

Regional stakeholder involvement

Ski Resorts

Amber Broadway-- Solitude Mountain Resort
Mike Doyle -- Brighton Ski Resort
Dave Fields - Snowbird Ski Resort
Nathan Rafferty - SkiUtah

Conservation Interests

Carl Fisher -Save Our Canyons
Pat Shea --Friends of Alta
Megan Nelson - The Nature Conservancy
Joanna Wheelton - Cottonwood Canyons Foundation

Recreation Interests

Serena Yau - Salt Lake Climbers Alliance
John Knoblock - Mt Olympus Community Council, Trails Utah
Sarah Bennett - Trails Utah
Tom Diegel - Wasatch Backcountry Alliance
Dennis Goreham - Wasatch Mountain Club

Cultural & Educational Interests

Stuart Derman - Wasatch Mountain Arts
Jan Striefel - League of Women Voter of Salt Lake
Maura Hahnenberger - Salt Lake Community College
Hilary Lambert - Wasatch Mountain Institute

Community Councils and Homeowner Associations

Kurt Hegmann - Mill D Cabin Owners Association
Barbara Cameron - Big Cottonwood Community Council, Brighton Resident
Del Draper - Secret Lake Cabin Owners Association
Kirk Nichols - Evergreen HOA, Professor of Outdoor Recreation, University of Utah

Private Citizens

Michael Marker - Little Cottonwood Canyon Resident
Paul Diegel - Salt Lake City Resident
Troy Morgan - Brighton Resident
Will McCarvill - Salt Lake City Resident
Brian Hutchinson - Salt Lake City Resident
Ed Marshall - Log Haven Restaurant
Kelly Boardman - Salt Lake City resident
Jennifer Eden - Salt Lake City resident
Alex Porpora - Salt Lake City resident

Transit & Transportation Interests

Roger Borgenicht - Utahns for Better Transportation
Mike Christensen - Utah Rail Passengers Association
Danny Richardson -- Salt Lake City resident

CWC Stakeholders



Mountain Transportation System

Regional Mountain Transportation
Systems

Millcreek FLAP

BCCMAP

LCCEIS

Short-term improvements

A photograph of a forest of birch trees during autumn. The trees have white bark with dark lenticels and horizontal lenticels. The leaves are bright yellow, and the sky is a clear blue. The ground is covered with fallen leaves and some rocks.

Visitor-Use Study

The purpose of this study is to explore how outdoor recreation use and its associated impacts can be quantified and monitored over time within the canyons.

Our goal is to establish a set of indicators that are collaboratively generated and grounded in the best-available science and reflect the unique needs and concerns of the diverse stakeholders and interest groups who use, manage, and depend on the canyons.



The Environmental Dashboard

The Central Wasatch Commission released the Environmental Dashboard to the public on Monday, June 6, 2022.

The Environmental Dashboard is a tool for the public, land managers, policy makers and technical users to learn about the historic and current environmental conditions of the Central Wasatch. The Dashboard contains five environmental elements: air quality and climate, geology and soil, vegetation communities, water, and wildlife, and existing data for each element has been gathered and presented for public access.

Access the Environmental Dashboard here:

<https://cwc.utah.gov/environmental-dashboard/>

2022 Short-Term Projects

SUPPORT FOR A TRI-CANYON
TRAIL DEFERRED
MAINTENANCE AND
INVASIVE WEED CONTROL
PROJECT

SUPPORT FOR A
COTTONWOOD CANYON
BACKCOUNTRY SKI SHUTTLE
PROGRAM

THE CONSTRUCTION OF
BEAVER DAM ANALOGS AT
WILLOW HEIGHTS POND


THE BONNEVILLE SHORELINE
TRAIL REROUTE FROM BCC
TO FERGUSON CANYON

SUPPORT OF THE BONANZA
FLAT TRAILHEAD TRANSIT
PROGRAM

SUPPORT FOR THE FRIENDS
OF ALTA EDUCATIONAL
JUNIOR RANGER ACTIVITY
PROGRAM

SUPPORT FOR THE SAVE OUR
CANYONS WASATCH
WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP
AND EDUCATION PROJECT

SUPPORT OF JACOB'S LADDER
TRAIL REROUTE
MAINTENANCE WORK



Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act (CWNCRA)

The cornerstone project for the Central Wasatch Commission.

The CWNCRA would create new Wilderness, place permanent protections on land and water in the tri-canyon area.

Thank you. Questions?

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