

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
8230 FEDERAL BUILDING, 125 SOUTH STATE STREET  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84138

SWIMMING/CAMPING/ANIMAL ORDER  
SPECIAL ORDER OF FOREST SUPERVISOR  
WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST  
SALT LAKE RANGER DISTRICT

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas described below. All lands affected are located on the Salt Lake Ranger District, Wasatch-Cache National Forest. This order is in effect until further notice.

1. Swimming or bathing in any stream or body of water.  
[36 CFR 261.58 (k)]
2. Camping within 200 feet of any stream or body of water.  
[36 CFR 261.58 (e)]
3. Possessing, storing or transporting any bird, fish or animal or parts thereof. [36 CFR 261.58 (s)]

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following acts, or persons, are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit or contract authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Authorized Federal, state, or local officers, or members of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty, when authorized by the District Ranger.
3. Service animals assisting the disabled per the Americans with Disabilities Act and Utah Criminal Statute 26-30-01, or dogs involved in search and rescue.

Area Described:

- A. All National Forest Lands within the Big Cottonwood Canyon Watershed Area lying east of Salt Lake City water intake located in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- B. All National Forest Lands within the Parleys Canyon Watershed Area lying north and east of the Salt Lake City Mountain Dell Reservoir Dam, including Lamb's Canyon.
- C. All National Forest Lands within the City Creek Canyon Watershed Area lying north and east of the Salt Lake City Creek treatment plant sludge beds.
- D. All National Forest Lands within the Little Cottonwood Canyon Watershed Area lying east of the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon.
- E. All National Forest Lands within the Emigration watershed area that contributes water to Emigration Creek from Burr fork and Killyon Canyon above a point at the intersection of state Highways 65 and 172.  
(SEE ATTACHED MAP)

*Richard P. Kline*

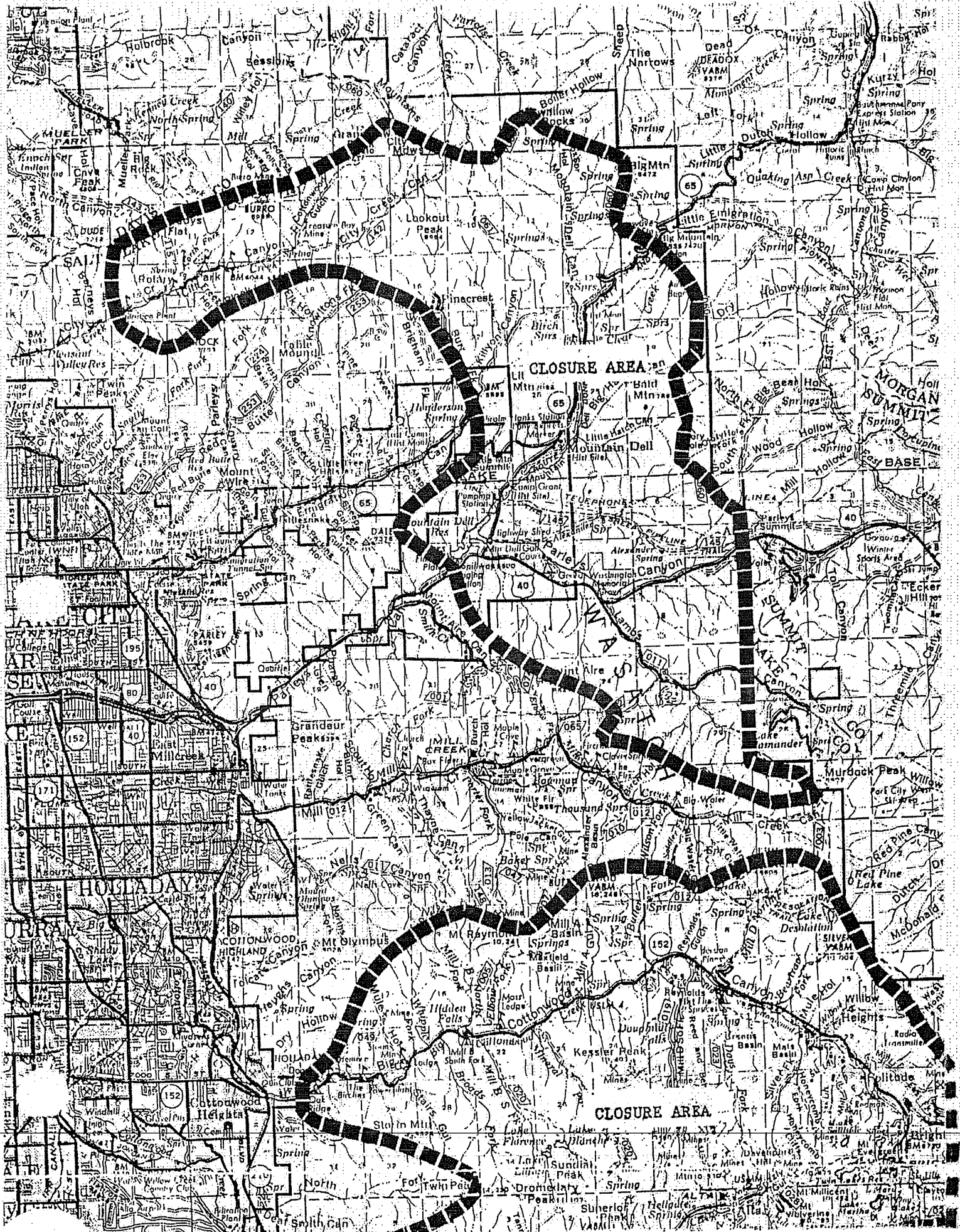
For FOREST SUPERVISOR  
Wasatch-Cache National Forest

July 11, 1997  
DATE

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both (16 USC 551; 18 USC 3571 (b) (6)).

This order supersedes any previous orders/notices for the above described areas, and same said violation(s).

Order Number 04 19 85  
Region Forest Numeric Sequence



## Special Considerations

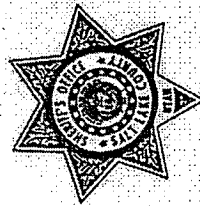
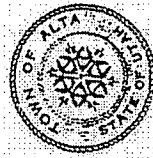
There are special regulations governing construction, sewage works, livestock operations, underground waste-water systems and water systems.

Permanent residents of the canyon watershed areas may obtain special permits for one dog per household. The responsibilities and qualifications for the permit are very strict. For further information on these matters call the Salt Lake City-County Health Department at 530-7500.

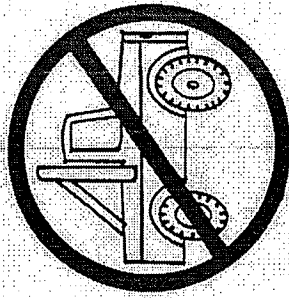
## Enforcement

Watershed regulations are enforced by the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, the Salt Lake City Water Department, the Salt Lake City-County Health Department, the U.S.D.A., Forest Service and the Alta Marshal's Office.

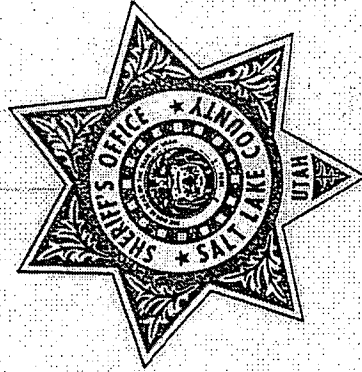
Violations constitute a Class "B" misdemeanor and in most cases a citation is issued to violators.



NO ANIMALS



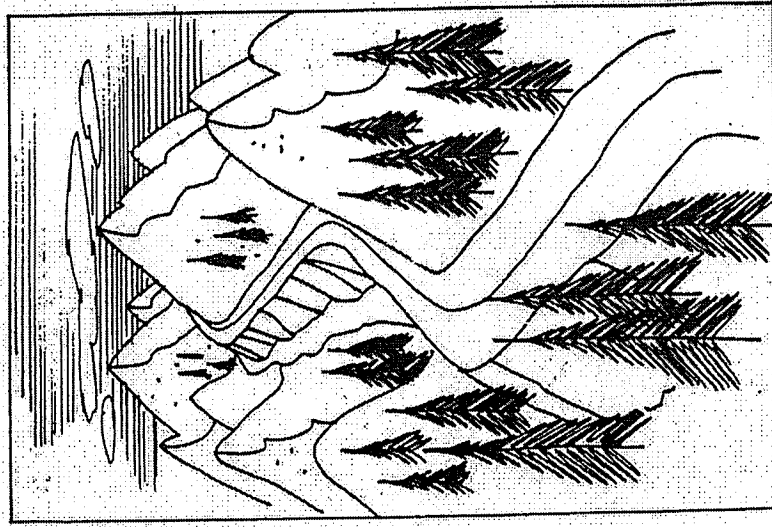
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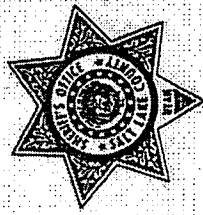
*Aaron D. Kennard, Sheriff*

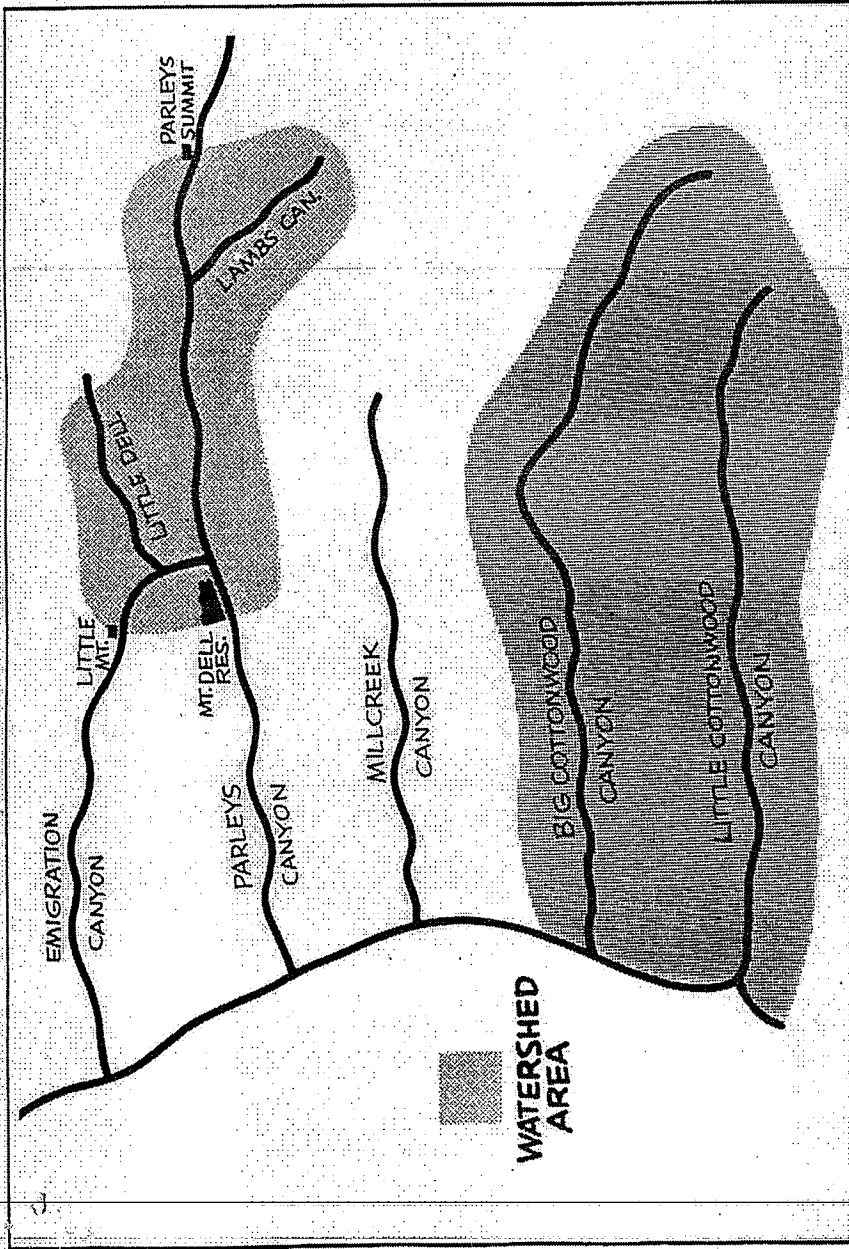
# Protect Your Watershed



Various canyons along the Wasatch Front have been designated as Watershed Areas in order to protect our drinking water. Regulations have been enacted so that this vital source of culinary water will be kept clean.

Information in this pamphlet can help you understand these regulations and make your visit to the canyons more enjoyable.





## What is a Watershed?

A watershed is defined as that geographical or geological area that is drained by one river system. For example, if a drop of rain lands near a ridge line, it will eventually run off, or flow, to the stream at the canyon bottom. All surface and ground water which contributes to a stream would be part of that watershed.

Regulations governing the use of these areas protect all the sources of water that contribute to the stream system or watershed.

## WATERSHED AREAS INCLUDE:

- all of Little Cottonwood Canyon
- all of Big Cottonwood Canyon
- all of Parley's Canyon, north and east of Mountain Dell Reservoir
- all of Little Dell Canyon (toward East Canyon)
- all of Lambs Canyon
- all of Emigration Canyon from Burr Fork and Killian Canyon to the intersection of State Highways 65 and 172.
- all of City Creek Canyon

## Watershed Regulations

Salt Lake City-County Health Regulation #14 (watersheds) is authorized by Utah Code Annotated 26-24-20. It is unlawful for any person:

- to permit a dog(s) to be taken into the watershed area. This does not apply to seeing eye/hearing dogs or law enforcement dogs.
  - to pollute or allow pollution of any water in the watershed area.
  - to operate any type of motor vehicle upon the property within the watershed except on a highway or road open for public use, approved roads in residential/cabin areas, official picnic/camp area roads, and ski area parking lots. Emergency and official government vehicles are exempt when on official business.
  - to deposit any human excreta within the watershed area other than into approved toilets. Cesspools are also prohibited.
  - to permit a horse or any other domestic animal into the area without permit.
  - to camp overnight except in officially designated campgrounds. This does not apply to backpacking.
  - to backpack camp unless the campsite is located over 200 feet from the nearest water source.
  - to bathe, swim or wash clothes, diapers, eating utensils or any other object in any spring, marsh, stream or other water source.
  - to throw or break glass.
- These regulations apply in the entire canyon area from ridge top to ridge top, not just in the immediate area of surface water.

TEMP DOG LICENSES ISSUED in 2018

Long term    expire 5/1/18

Bauer	Mike
Beck	Bob
Browning	Rikki
Danforth	Judith
Deyette	Sheila
Doane	Kara
Duncan	Jess
Ferguson	Hugh
Griffin	Hailey
Gygi	Heather
Heimark	Libby
Hoffman	Mark
Howard	Susie
Howard	Susie
Hüber	Kim
Ketner	Dan
Lawson	Alex
Lemire	Nicole
Libre	Ken
Nebeker	Lismore
Page	Logan
Reynolds	John
Rudolph	Lauren
Sackler	Richard
Searle	Kristin
Ussery	Susan
Woolson	Leah
Young	Marco

Short term

Cornelius	Amy	2/11-2/14, 2018
Cumming	Denise	2/19-2/21, 2018
Marcus	Sloane	2/1-2/4, 2018
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## Kate Black

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**From:** Jim Collinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 2:23 PM  
**To:** Harris Sondak; Margaret Bourke; cliffcurryaltautah@gmail.com; Sheridan Davis; elisedmorgan@gmail.com; John Guldner; Chris Cawley; Kate Black; Piper Lever; Alta Marshal's Office  
**Subject:** Fwd: Alta dogs

Hello all. After attending the meeting of 1/24 I wanted to share a few thoughts.

Understanding that Alta's privileged dogs make the Forest Service and others uncomfortable, it would be a mistake to make concessions unless required.

Knowing the agencies involved for many years has taught me to not give things away until forced. Alta has enjoyed good relations with all the involved agencies. No reason to project otherwise. We should not alter current practices on a whim of placating current administrations. Administrations change frequently and what is important today is often unimportant tomorrow.

Owners and dogs can be better stewards of this unique program, but this is in house Alta stuff. Dog owner to dog owner.

If this dog community wants to be more under the radar then it would be a mistake to nearly triple the available number of permanent tags.

The number of temporary tags should just be made permanent as that seems to be the number of tags needed at this time.

Changes to allowed locations was a meeting subject. Loss of the transfer tow and summer road were proposed. S.L.C. Watershed does not care if we have dogs on the tow, as long as owner's keep them out of the creek and clean up after them.

I travel the tow all the time, and it is always immaculate. It seems to be a place where dogs are visible enough that folks do a good job cleaning up.

During ski area operating hours dogs must be leashed on the transfer tow for several reasons.

Before and after hours who should care if they are leashed as long as they are under control.

During the winter the summer road should be an off lead place for permit holders to exercise their dog, again, under control.

As with the transfer tow there is virtually no wildlife to affect with off lead dogs.

During the summer the summer road, campground, and Cecret Lake are no place to walk a dog for many reasons. If one is looking for a bone to throw the Forest Service, this would be the one.

Exception could be made for those that live on summer road to use it.

I have found that vests on the service dogs keep negative interaction with the public to a minimum.

I don't know the best way to clearly identify Alta licensed dogs at a distance, but it is sound idea.

If the dog isn't wearing their clear identification the policing should also be in house...dog owner to dog owner.

Placing geographic limits on a larger dog population serves no one well. There is not any more of a problem now than in our past...let's not fix what isn't broken.

Jimmy Collinson



## Kate Black

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:11 PM  
**To:** Kate Black; Cliff Curry  
**Subject:** Dogs in Alta: please forward

Hello Kate  
Could you please forward the email  
Thanks

Dear Mayor Sondak and Alta Town Council members,

Thank you for addressing the issue of dogs in Alta.

We live in a fabulously beautiful and unique part of the world. We are fortunate to share our space with canines.

I hope we continue and perhaps enhance our current relationship with dogs in our community.

Scientific studies demonstrate the positive impact dogs have on an owners mental health. ACE has recently and appropriately worked to raise mental health awareness. Personally having a dog in Alta has introduced me to many people in the community I had never met despite living in Alta full time for 14 years. Limiting where I currently walk my dog, meet my neighbors, and talk with people enjoying Alta would significantly decrease my joy for where I live.

There are several Issues raised by Mayor Sondak's proposal that I would like to comment upon:

*Identify the problem: What is it? Which dogs are involved?*

*Presumably the forest services has concerns regarding an increased dog presence in Alta. Do we know if these are our licensed dogs?*

*Should we 1st require dogs to have Alta Bandannas or vests? A readily identifiable article would help determine if licensed or unlicensed dogs are the "violators". The bandana/vest "requirement" could be in place for a year, or some study period to determine if there is a need to limit the number liscenced dogs or where dogs walk. Perhaps an email address could be utilized to report violators anonymously?*

*Where can dogs walk?*

*The rope tow is one of the most enjoyable areas for dog owners. The area is almost always groomed, making for a great walking surface. It is a wonderful area to meet locals and guests. The incredible visibility to all ensures strict compliance with waste management. Eliminating this corridor would essential eliminate any reasonable dog walk in Alta. The summer road in the winter is key for an area to exercise a dog. There are no other maintained areas other than the ski slope to walk a dog. A more prominent sign at the gate explaining dog rules and the wearing of a bandana/vest would help to ensure compliance.*

*How many permits should be issued?*

*Currently we have approximately 85? a combination of permanent and temporary. How many resident-employee dog requests are there? How many full-time non avalanche Alta dogs are there? 20? 30?*

*Who should be eligible permit?*

*The ultimate mayoral responsibility of saying yah or nay to the endless and nebulous requests seems unreasonable. A set of guidelines could be drafted, defined, and acted upon by a committee, eliminating the undo burden placed upon the Mayor and the unwarranted criticism directed towards Piper. Eliminate the lottery.*

*Instead of issuing "life permits" that require annual renewal anyway, consider developing an annual application which would address the most common issues and situations in which the mayor currently issues temporary permits. The guidelines should primarily involve property ownership/renter/caretaker and full time employment. As Mayor Sondak suggested an automatic permit could be affiliated with each residence. This would ensure that all property owners would be granted a permit., eliminating the recurrent realtor questions. Obviously there are some nuances associated with this...for example could a residence have 2 permits? If a resident is only present part of the year, could they have more than one permit associated with their residence, as theoretically a part time resident with 2 dogs creates as much waste as a full time resident with one dog.*

*Another possible scenario is a full time employee whose place of business welcomes a dog 40 hours a week. Each business could be granted a certain number of dog permits.*

*Wedding requests: the Alta Lodge may want to be able to offer their dog loving couples a weekend long temp tag.*

*I am sure there are many scenarios the committee could explore and put in a set of guidelines that would enhance our relationship with dogs and their owners in our community. This could be posted on our town website, helping dog owners who want to bring their dogs to Alta better understand our laws.*

*The forest service's concerns may not be the full time licensed dogs in Alta.*

*I would be happy to volunteer to help create guidelines.*

*Thanks for reading,*

*Carolyn Anctil, MD*

*[REDACTED]  
Alta, UT  
[REDACTED]*

**Kate Black**

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**From:** Cliff Curry <cliffcurryalautah@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 08, 2018 7:00 AM  
**To:** Kate Black  
**Subject:** Fwd: DOGS

Hi Kate -

For the record in advance of the next dog work session.

Thanks - Cliff

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**From:** Cliff Curry <cliffcurryalautah@gmail.com>

**Date:** Thu, Feb 8, 2018 at 6:55 AM

**Subject:** Re: DOGS

**To:** Frank & Pam Buselli [REDACTED]

**Cc:** cliffcurry@altalodge.com, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Hi Frank and all,

I'll have this made part of the record at the next Council work session about the dog ordinances.

Thanks for your thoughtful comments.

- Cliff

On Wed, Feb 7, 2018 at 6:46 PM, <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
Dear Cliff,

A group of nearly a dozen dog owners at Alta have asked me to convey to the Alta Town Council, by this means, their vehement desire to retain the current dog ordinance as published and instead to move more vigorously to target the core problem.

Complaints received by the National Park Service appear to be generated when (summer) public users of the Summer Road; nearby campgrounds, and Secret Lake, disregard the town's policies. The winter residents of Alta strongly condemn the actions of these tortfeasors but oppose any proposed knee-jerk restrictions that the town may intend to create in response to the Park Service's comments that would result in prohibiting the winter use of the Summer Road under the existing guidelines.

The following ideas emerged from the recent "dog workshop" :

1. EDUCATE the public by erecting better signage at the mouth of the canyon
2. COMPLIANCE of the current ordinance that could include DNA registration to identify repeat offenders
3. ENFORCEMENT through a system of fines and loss of permits

Respectfully,  
Frank M. Buselli

## Kate Black

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**From:** Harris Sondak  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 08, 2018 9:42 AM  
**To:** Kate Black; Piper Lever  
**Subject:** Fwd: dog meeting

FYI.

Sent from my mobile device... Sorry for the typos

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Karen Travis <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** January 24, 2018 at 21:24:21 MST  
**To:** "Sondak, Harris" <[hsondak@townofalta.com](mailto:hsondak@townofalta.com)>  
**Cc:** Cliff Curry <[cliffcurry@altalodge.com](mailto:cliffcurry@altalodge.com)>, Sheridan Davis <[sdavis@townofalta.com](mailto:sdavis@townofalta.com)>  
**Subject:** dog meeting

Just a short note: I thought tonight's meeting about Alta's dog situation went extremely well in that there were a lot of different but viable points of view. You had expected to have more control of the discussion, Harris (at least that was my feeling), but I think everyone that wanted to be heard felt that they had something of interest to contribute and was able to do so. My only disappointment was that there weren't more dog owners in attendance.

Priorities seem to be 1. Too much visibility of Alta dogs by the public 2. Dogs being unleashed and not under the owner's control 3. Feces not being picked up  
A sign at the entrance to the town regarding dog regulation seems a no-brainer....  
Karen

Dear Mayor Sondek,

I attended the work session on dogs. At that meeting you asked for feedback on your ideas to change the dog rules.

I know that some dog owners are afraid to offer any criticism of those ideas out of fear that you will then cancel their dog license.

Your demeanor at that meeting defeated the very thing you were allegedly seeking, constructive ideas on how to deal with the dog issue.

An Alta resident

## Kate Black

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**From:** Paul T. Moxley <pmoxley@cohnekinghorn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 7:38 PM  
**To:** Kate Black  
**Cc:** harrissondak@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Dogs

*Kate, I understand dogs are again an issue in Alta and our canyon.*

*As you know I was on council for fifteen years and am a long time resident of Alta.*

*Our watershed is an increasing valuable asset to the state and Alta is one of Crown Jewels of state and country which explains in part our unflinching support of Albion basin.*

*Dog licenses and federal statues need to be strictly enforced and licenses need to be carefully restricted*

*Another problem is when we are restricted to our residences because of avalanche danger and dogs cannot leave the house or condo*

*There is too much dog waste in community too*

*Please forward this in the appropriate fashion and I hope you are well*

*Best,*

*Paul Moxley*

*Sent from my iPhone*

## Kate Black

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**From:** Kate Black  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2018 9:52 AM  
**To:** Harris Sondak; 'Cliff Curry'; 'elisedmorgan@gmail.com'; Margaret Bourke; Sheridan Davis; 'Marcus'  
**Subject:** FW: Dogs

Good morning,

Sheridan received comments Tricia Petzold on the dog issues currently being reviewed by the Council and asked that staff forward the same on the council. This comment will be made part of the public record.

Regards

Kate Black  
Town Clerk  
Town of Alta  
[kblack@townofalta.com](mailto:kblack@townofalta.com)  
801-742-6011 – direct line  
801-363-5105  
801-742-1006(fax)

**From:** Tricia Petzold [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 19, 2018 11:22 PM  
**To:** Sheridan Davis  
**Subject:** Dogs

Hi Sheridan,

Please share the enclosed letter with the town council.

Thank you,  
Tricia

Dear Alta Town Council,

Thank you for your careful approach to the issue of dogs at Alta and for the opportunity for public comment. I have been a canyon employee for 16 years. I have been an Alta home owner for 12 years. I have been a dog owner for 3 years.

I regret missing the work session and most recent town council meeting. However, I did listen to the complete recordings of both via Soundcloud recordings.

Stewards of the watershed. Acquiring complete information on the impact of dog waste on the watershed is important. If there is data on the water samples before and after the water treatment plants, I would like to read this.

We cannot guarantee everyone's behavior when no one is looking. However, as a community, we can have a substantial influence on limiting the chances of fecal material reaching the watershed at the source through education and concerned citizen participation.

Public perception of dogs at Alta. I am approached on occasion while walking my dog at Alta. Most people want to understand why some dogs are allowed at Alta. I am in support of public education with signs and web based information. I can see how a more identifiable collar or bandana could help with this PR piece.

Shared homeownership. As a property owner, I feel it is a privilege to have my dog with me at Alta. I share ownership of our cabin with another family who also has a dog. We predominantly take turns using our cabin. However, at times we like to enjoy the cabin together. There are also days when the other family is living in the cabin and I am working or spending time with friends in the canyon, and there are times when it makes sense for me to have my dog with me, despite not staying overnight in the cabin. That said, out of 365 days in a year, my dog spends approximately 30 days in Alta. I believe my partner's



dog spends a similar total number of days. It does not make sense to me to have a regulation that links my dog permit to my homeowner partner's permit such that if one dog is in the canyon at a specific time, the other cannot be.

Locations that dogs are allowed. I agree that it is reasonable to limit high traffic areas in the summer. The areas mentioned including Cecret Lake, Summer road, and Catherine's Pass are reasonable. I also agree the Summer road in the winter is an important place for dogs to have access as it is an open area that allows dogs to get exercise, not otherwise easy to get in Alta. The rope tow area is an important access point for dog owners to be able to cross in order to safely get to areas where the dog can walk and not have to get into a car to access places to walk. I appreciate Cliff's comments about always knowing what your dog is doing on and off the leash. An example of a precedent for off leash walking is in the town of Boulder, Colorado. There has been a program in place since 1996 called voice and sight. It allows off leash walking for dogs on public lands if the dog and owner have been trained and follow the rules of having the dog within voice control and in sight.

The community of Alta. It is extremely valuable to have dogs part of our community. I appreciate the comments from neighbors in Powder Ridge and the View, pointing out that dogs are an integral part of the health of the community. They bring people together. They help keep people active. They strengthen the resolve of many by bringing people out of themselves to care for another living being. They provide comfort and love. They provide companionship. I have recent personal experience of being convinced by our children that we "need" a dog. We were hesitant to take on the responsibility and hassle. However, witnessing the kids' transformation in responsibility and growth that came with caring for the dog, has brought me more insight into the value of dogs in a community.

Kind Regards,

Tricia Petzold

# Should I bring my dog hiking and/or camping?

1. **Should I bring my dog?**
2. **Do I have to keep my dog leashed?**
3. **Do I have to pick up dog waste?**
4. **Can my dog handle the challenge of the trail?**
5. **Can I leave my dog in camp while I go hiking?**
6. **Interacting with other trail users**
7. **What if my dog barks?**
8. **During my visit to the National Forest, can I let my dog live off the land?**
9. **I leave plenty of food in the bowl at home for my dog. She eats whenever she likes. Can't I do that while I'm camping on the Cibola?**
10. **Won't my dog protect me against wild animals?**
  - Ticks
  - Snake bites
  - Pet First Aid Kits
  - Other Helpful tips



**Should I bring my dog?** If you plan to bring your dog with you to the national forest, first familiarize yourself with trail situations that can be hazardous for a dog, for the hiker, or for other trail users. Be sensitive to other visitors who are uncomfortable around a dog they do not know—especially large dogs. Unless your dog responds well to voice commands and is comfortable around people, keep it leashed while in parking lots and at busy trailheads.

**Do I have to keep my dog leashed?** Many hikers enjoy taking their dogs along on the trail, whether for a day hike or backpacking. National forest guidelines require that dogs be on a six-foot leash at all times when in developed recreation areas and on interpretive trails. There are no leash requirements in the general forest areas.

Even though you're far away from sidewalks and city streets, there will still be times when you need to keep your dog on a leash. This is especially important when you're close to other campers who may not be dog lovers, or when you're in an area where your dog could wander off a path and encounter wildlife. Update all vaccinations and provide flea and tick control for your pet. Also, make sure your dog has his identification tags on (or is microchipped) in case he gets lost. You should also bring along a recent photo should you need to show other campers or a ranger if your dog goes missing.

Be very cautious in areas with cliffs, gulches, canyons, caves, big rocks, etc. Many dogs have no concept of heights, and they can slip under railings. Keep your dog close to you. Bring a short, sturdy leash for hiking. If you're hiking in terrain with cliffs, canyons, big rocks or other challenging conditions, it may be safest to attach the leash to a sturdy harness instead of a neck collar.

**Do I have to pick up dog waste?** Of course. Most federal, state and county litter laws require it. Dog waste can spread disease to wild animals and it can contaminate water. Picking up dog waste is also just common courtesy to the campers, picnickers or the hikers.

## Can my dog handle the challenge of the trail?

**Dog Aerobics!** We expect our dogs to naturally stay fit even though they may get only a short walk once or twice a day. Dogs—like people—need to build up their endurance before they join you on a lengthy trail. You might want to take several short hikes to slowly build up your dog's endurance, especially if you want it to carry a pack. A dog that does not get much exercise on a regular basis will tire quickly and be susceptible to dehydration. Also, all trails have rocky surfaces, so a dog that is used to walking on rugs at home and on grassy surfaces when outside may soon be limping from damaged paws. There are a variety of booties available to protect your dog's feet from injury.

**Combating Dehydration.** Dogs can easily become dehydrated, so offer water to your dog before you start. Many trails have no water sources, so bring water with you and frequently offer it to your dog. A panting dog is rapidly losing water. Never rely on finding a spring or a stream as a water source for your dog. Familiarize yourself with the symptoms and treatment of dog heat stroke or heat exhaustion.

**Avoid *Giardia* spp.. What's that?** *Giardia* spp. are parasitic protozoans (single celled organisms) found in the intestines of many animals, including dogs. Sometimes called "Beaver Fever," *Giardia* is transmitted from host to host ingesting cysts in contaminated feed or drinking water. Cysts may also be found in streams or other water sources.

If your dog drinks from a native stream or pond, watch for symptoms that can appear within 1-2 weeks of ingestion. Dogs can carry the disease and show no symptoms or may have mild recurring diarrhea to acute explosive diarrhea. Other signs associated with giardia, are weight loss, listlessness, mucus in the stool, and anorexia. These signs are also associated with other intestinal tract diseases, and are not specific to giardia. ***Giardia* can infect humans.** If you think your dog may have been infected, see your vet. To avoid the risk of your dog being infected, take plenty of clean water for your dog so it won't have to drink from native streams. A leash comes in handy to keep dogs from drinking from streams.

**Can I leave my dog in camp while I go hiking?** No! Not even for a few minutes. State and county laws prohibit animal cruelty and abandonment. Some animal cruelty laws prevent you from chaining your dog. You can confine your dog in a suitable crate or in a portable kennel, but you must remain present. Also, on warm days, place the kennel or crate in the shade. **Never** leave your dog alone in a car because a car quickly becomes an oven that can injure or kill your pet.

**Interacting with Other Trail Users.** Most of the trails on the Cibola are open to horseback riding, so you and your dog must be prepared to meet these trail users. Your dog may run ahead on a steep and rocky trail, round a turn and startle an equestrian and cause the rider to be thrown before you have a chance to intervene. Trail etiquette requires hikers to yield to equestrians. On a narrow trail, even a dog that is held close on a short leash can unnerve a horse. Encourage your dog to remain calm and to sit as horses pass.

Other dogs hiking the trail may act aggressively toward your dog. This can result in injury to both animals. Ensure that your dog responds well to voice commands. Keeping it on a leash will work to avoid conflicts of this type.

**What if my dog barks?** An occasional bark can be expected, but dogs that bark uncontrollably are even more annoying in a quiet wilderness setting than in an urban environment. If your dog barks uncontrollably, don't bring it camping with you. In developed campgrounds, excessive noise after 10:00 p.m. is prohibited. A barking dog after hours in a campground can get its owner a hefty citation. At night, your dog is probably best kept inside your tent.

**During my visit to the national forest, can I let Rover live off the land?**

No! While a dog may drink from a stream, you should always carry enough clean water with you for your dog, and you should remember to share your water with your dog whenever you drink. It is not advisable to let a dog drink from a stagnant pool or puddle.

Also, feed your dog as you would at home. Don't allow your dog to forage or hunt. Aside from the fact that doing so is prohibited by leash and game laws, a dog unused to such a dangerous environment will usually be injured (or worse) by such things as cactus, rattlesnakes, scorpions, desert heat, cliffs, flooded washes, bears, and mountain lions.

Further, if you think losing a dog in your neighborhood is bad (and it is), it's much worse to lose a dog in the middle of a remote wilderness. Dogs lost in the wild have little chance of surviving. If you lose your dog, contact animal control for the appropriate county.

**I leave plenty of food in the bowl for my dog at home. She eats whenever she likes. Can't I do that while I'm camping on the**

**Cibola?** No. This feeding procedure may work at home, but that's because you probably don't have 300 pound black bears wandering through your house. Bears love dog food. Leaving dog food in a bowl will likely invite a visit by a hungry bear to your campsite. Just as you should never leave any human food unsecured, lock up the dog food in a bear-proof container or hang the dog food (and all other food and scented items) high in a tree that is well away from your campsite.

**Won't my dog protect me against wild animals?** Most dogs will sound an alarm when they sense nearby wildlife. It is also true that many dogs will defend their owners if necessary. And despite the occasional heart-warming story of a dog saving her owner from a bear attack, the fact is a single dog—no matter what the breed or how large—is no match for a hungry bear or lion. Even these heart-warming stories often end in tragedy for the dog.

A dog that chases squirrels in a park may try to chase wild animals in the forest. Most wild animals will outrun the dog, but if the dog runs far enough, it may become lost. A bear may run over a hill then turn and kill the dog with one swipe of its five-inch long claws. A bear with young cubs may attack immediately. A sick fox with distemper or rabies may be unable to run, but can still bite. Also, remember that skunks are common visitors to campsites, and they seem to take special delight in spraying curious puppies. So, unless you brought five gallons of tomato juice with you to neutralize the skunk odor, the ride home with Lucky in the back seat will be quite memorable.

**Ticks.** There are plenty of ticks in the forest, so check yourself and your dog carefully. A bite that develops a large red circle or a "bull's eye" of concentric circles, may be from a tiny deer tick. Dear ticks can carry diseases, so you should consult a doctor.

**Snake Bites.** A rattlesnake will usually coil up facing the dog, and make a loud buzzing sound. If the dog challenges the snake, the snake may strike. If the dog steps on the snake before it coils, the dog's hindquarters may be struck. A dog with a large dose of venom may die before you can get it to the vet. If your dog is bitten by a snake, immobilize the body part that has been bitten. Keep it at or below the level of the heart. Keep the pet calm and still. Carry the pet if possible. Get to a vet as soon as possible, and try to identify the type of snake. Do not manipulate the bitten area any more than necessary. Do not cut over the fang marks. Do not ice pack or tourniquet the area.

**Pet First Aid Kit.** Here are some useful items for treating pet emergencies in the field.

1. A clean tube sock for wrapping around the head to secure a lacerated ear.
2. A bandana for a makeshift muzzle.
3. Flat-bladed tweezers and a small container of mineral oil for tick removal.
4. An emergency fold-up blanket (space blanket) for treating shock, cold or, for smaller dogs, even carriage.
5. A folding tool that has needle-nose pliers for extracting a large thorn or a porcupine quill.
6. A small container of hydrogen peroxide. When mixed with baking soda, water and liquid soap, will cut the aroma of skunk perfume. Keep the mix away from the dog's eyes.
7. Booties for protecting injured paws. They can also be used to help to prevent ice and snow build-up between the toes.
8. Vaccination and rabies certification. This may keep your dog out of the pound should he happen to bite someone.
9. A small first aid book with instructions for treating pets.
10. The name, phone number and directions of a nearby veterinarian or pet emergency clinic

### **Other helpful tips**

- Make sure you pack plenty of water.
- You may be on a vacation, but don't take a break from grooming your dog, so bring along your dog's brush or comb.
- Pack plenty of plastic bags so you can clean up after your dog.
- Never leave your dog outside alone.
- Don't leave your dog's food out when he's not eating. It could attract unwanted insects or wildlife.
- Keep your dog quiet. Frequent and continued barking disturbs the wildlife and other campers.
- Try to get a site with some shade for your dog.

### **Conclusion**

- We all love our canine friends and we want to take them with us wherever we go. Although it may be fine to exercise Scruffy on a trail or at a picnic during the daylight when the weather is appropriate, camping with a dog — especially a dog that is unused to wild surroundings — can be a significant challenge for the owner, the dog and other campers within earshot.
- As a rule, if you have not previously introduced your buddy to the wild with many day hikes and picnics, don't bring him camping.
- Also as a rule, if your dog is boisterous and poorly behaved at home, a camping trip will not improve the dog's behavior. You'll do him -- and any nearby campers -- a favor by leaving him at home.
- Finally, please remember that wild areas can be very dangerous places for dogs. Use great care when bringing your pet with you.

## Piper Lever

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**From:** Kate Black  
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**To:** Piper-Lever  
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**From:** Harris Sondak  
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A message I received on dogs.....

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Hi Harris,

Just want to compliment you on your letter about dogs. But I do understand it is a thorny issue, and dog owners can be very passionate.

The forest service and SL water are probably most concerned about:

- off leash dogs hassling people and wild life,
- dogs defecating and it not being cleaned up. This is exacerbated when dogs are off leash and not closely monitored.

So maybe put these concerns back to the dog owners to address and then let them take responsibility for them. Perhaps form a dog owners group that could:

- monitor dogs and their owners to make sure that they are complying with the rules and are properly licensed. This would take the onus off police and forest service personnel.
- Put up waste bag stations with bags and disposal cans at high use areas (summer road, transfer tow, nature

trail, etc.). I noticed that the folk at the view have done this on their own. (Tho we do still get the occasional dog pile in the BJ parking lot).

Thanks for taking on all these tasks for us and our Town. Hope you are getting some sweet powder turns.

Bill

Sent from my iPad