

**Public Comments re: Alta Ski Area Parking  
March-April 2021 Index**

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**From:** [Darin Barach](#)  
**To:** [Piper Lever](#)  
**Subject:** Alta Parking  
**Date:** Saturday, March 6, 2021 4:22:36 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,  
I agree with ASL that the most appropriate course of action is to allow the ski area to replace the parking spaces being used by non-ski area visitors and continue with open parking. Thank you,  
Kathy Barach

**From:** [Margaret Bourke](#)  
**To:** [Piper Lever](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: emails  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 3:42:30 PM

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Hi Piper,

See forwarded message from John Byrne.

Margaret  
Margaret Bourke  
Alta Councilwoman  
[MBourke@TownofAlta.com](mailto:MBourke@TownofAlta.com)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** John Byrne <[johnbyrne333@cs.com](mailto:johnbyrne333@cs.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: emails  
**Date:** March 9, 2021 at 2:09:44 PM PST  
**To:** "[mbourke@townofalta.com](mailto:mbourke@townofalta.com)" <[mbourke@townofalta.com](mailto:mbourke@townofalta.com)>  
**Reply-To:** John Byrne <[johnbyrne333@cs.com](mailto:johnbyrne333@cs.com)>

[John Byrne](#)

Money, money, money. How much is enough? I commend the USFS, and the Town of Alta including Mayor Sondak for taking a stand against the ski area's endless drive to pack more and more skiers on the hill each and every day. These are our public lands and the USFS is charged with protecting both the land and the user experience. What we really need is for the various stakeholders to agree on a comfortable carrying capacity daily skier limit, as many ski areas around the country have done. Once a daily skier limit has been established the ski area operator should enjoy broad latitude in the management of their operations. A little bit of structure could turn this into a win win situation.

-----Original Message-----

From: Margaret Bourke <[mbourke@townofalta.com](mailto:mbourke@townofalta.com)>  
To: John Byrne <[johnbyrne333@cs.com](mailto:johnbyrne333@cs.com)>  
Sent: Tue, Mar 9, 2021 2:43 pm  
Subject: Fwd: emails

Hi John,

As I am not on Facebook, did not see your comment. I wanted to let you know that Piper has sent an invitation to council members to forward public comments we have received to her for posting. If you want submit your comment made even more publicly, please let Piper, me, or another council member know.

Margaret  
Margaret Bourke  
Alta Councilwoman  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Piper Lever <[plever@townofalta.com](mailto:plever@townofalta.com)>  
**Subject:** emails  
**Date:** March 9, 2021 at 1:31:39 PM PST  
**To:** Harris Sondak <[hsondak@townofalta.com](mailto:hsondak@townofalta.com)>, "Cliff Curry" <[CCurry@townofalta.com](mailto:CCurry@townofalta.com)>, Elise Morgan <[EMorgan@townofalta.com](mailto:EMorgan@townofalta.com)>, Margaret Bourke <[mbourke@townofalta.com](mailto:mbourke@townofalta.com)>, Sheridan Davis <[sdavis@townofalta.com](mailto:sdavis@townofalta.com)>  
**Cc:** Jen Clancy <[jclancy@townofalta.com](mailto:jclancy@townofalta.com)>

Hello Town Council,

If you received any emails responsive to Alta Ski Lifts 3/6/21 request for public comments that you want to be made public, please forward to me. I received 5-6 and will distribute them to you and post them on our website eventually.

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**From:** [Dave Williams](#)  
**To:** [Piper Lever](#)  
**Subject:** Alta Parking  
**Date:** Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:11:36 PM

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As a native Utahan it is too bad to see LCC parking become so strained at Snowbird and Alta. Until a better long-term solution is identified to alleviate the parking challenges, I would ask that you please work with Alta to add additional parking to keep parking open and available for the most number of people.

Thanks,

Dave

**From:** [Hannah Follender](#)  
**To:** [Piper Lever](#)  
**Subject:** Alta Parking  
**Date:** Saturday, March 6, 2021 6:51:00 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I saw Alta's blog post about the parking issue encouraging pass holders to share their thoughts with you (ideally to their benefit).

I absolutely disagree with Alta's position on parking. They've brought the traffic on themselves by adopting the Ikon pass and they should bear the burden of it. Backcountry users should not be penalized as a result of corporate interests. I am an alta passholder and I was formerly an Alta Ski Area athlete. I am also a board member of ACE, an attorney, and an AIARE instructor. Ten years ago, I was introduced to backcountry skiing across the street from Alta in Grizzly Gulch. This area continues to be a training ground for new backcountry users. This area is also a favorite touring area of mine. Not only should Alta not be allowed to restrict access, they should have this area removed from their special use permit. Please continue to protect access to the Wasatch backcountry and do not allow Alta to expand parking - ever.

Thank you,

Hannah Follender

**From:** [DianeG](#)  
**To:** [Piper Lever](#)  
**Subject:** Parking  
**Date:** Thursday, April 1, 2021 5:36:40 PM

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My husband and I are in our late 70's and have been skiing for over 50 years. We see many uphill skiers parking close to the mountain, taking up the best parking spaces, making us take long walks carrying skis to get to the mountain. We don't carpool because at our stage of life, we need flexibility to leave when we want. Please allow Alta to add parking spaces and restrict parking close to the slopes for paying customers.

Thank you  
Diane Goldberg

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dan Jessop](#)  
**To:** [Piper Lever](#)  
**Subject:** Alta Ski Area Parking  
**Date:** Saturday, March 06, 2021 4:20:55 PM

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I agree with Alta Ski Resort that parking in their lots needs to be restricted in winter months to those who are actually skiing at the resort. Parking is a major issue and absolutely has to impact their revenues. It is a huge hassle as a skier to head up the canyon 2 hours early and wait in the car until the resort opens on a peak day. This is not at all how I prefer to spend part of my weekend, but I have been forced to if I would like to ski. As the community and tourism grow there needs to be an accommodation and allowance for more parking to be added.

Dan Jessop

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Jeff Moore](#)  
**To:** [Piper Lever](#)  
**Subject:** Alta Parking  
**Date:** Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:01:55 PM

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Thanks for not supporting ASL's expanded parking plans. I have worked and skied in the canyon for a long time, and adding more cars is the opposite of what this place needs. I appreciate our leadership making positive decisions like this.

Cheers,  
Jeff Moore

**From:** [Harris Sondak](#)  
**To:** [Cliff Curry](#); [Elise Morgan](#); [Margaret Bourke](#); [Sheridan Davis](#); [John Guldner](#); [Piper Lever](#); [Chris Cawley](#); [Jen Clancy](#); [Mike Morey](#)  
**Subject:** ASL parking newsletter  
**Date:** Saturday, March 6, 2021 4:58:54 PM

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Dear Town Council members and staff,

Just to set the record straight, in my opinion the ASL newsletter about parking that was unfortunately released today is full of misstatements, inaccuracies, and half-truths. It does not fairly reflect the conversations that have occurred – no one agreed last summer to the expansion plan that Mike Maughan has described, for example. And it does not reveal the exclusionary plan that he has asked the USFS to approve.

Sincerely,

Harris

**From:** [Bob Wood](#)  
**To:** [Piper Lever](#)  
**Subject:** This is ridiculous  
**Date:** Friday, March 12, 2021 11:35:01 AM

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With any long-term solution being at least a half a decade away these types of situations are ridiculous. Please be a part of the solution.  
Bob Wood