



**CENTRAL  
WASATCH  
COMMISSION**

Central Wasatch Commission  
Alta Town Council  
Presentation  
November 9, 2022

# 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

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# Member Jurisdiction Benefits

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Consensus approach to land and  
watershed protection and decision making

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Consensus-based transportation  
approach

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Short-Term improvements in the  
mountains

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The Visitor-Use Study

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The Environmental Dashboard

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Regional stakeholder involvement

### Ski Resorts

**Mike Maughan** – Alta Ski Area  
**Amber Broadway**-- Solitude Mountain Resort  
**Mike Doyle** -- Brighton Ski Resort  
**Dave Fields** – Snowbird Ski Resort  
**Nathan Rafferty** – Ski Utah

### 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** – Cecret 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

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# CWC Stakeholders

An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road through a dense forest. The road curves from the top left towards the bottom right, with a sharp U-turn in the center. The surrounding area is covered in green trees and vegetation. The image is darkened to serve as a background for text.

# Mountain Transportation System

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Regional Mountain Transportation  
Systems

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Millcreek FLAP

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BCCMAP

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Short-term improvements



# 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, allow for the connection of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, and place permanent protections on land and water in the tri-canyon area.

The CWC will discuss next steps for the legislation during its November Board retreat.

# Thank you. Questions?

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