CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION

Central Wasatch Commission
Cottonwood Heights City
Council Presentation
December 5, 2023

The Central Wasatch Commission

A unique effort – no other organization like the CWC exists elsewhere

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

CWC Stakeholders

Ski Resorts and Economic Interests

Amber Broadaway– Solitude Mountain Resort and Deer Valley
Mike Doyle -- Brighton Resort
Dave Fields – Snowbird
Nathan Rafferty – Ski Utah
Morgan Mingle – Park City Chamber of Commerce
Ed Marshall – Log Haven Restaurant

Conservation Interests

Carl Fisher –Save Our Canyons
Pat Shea -- Friends of Alta
Megan Nelson – The Nature Conservancy
Joanna Wheelton – Cottonwood Canyons Foundation
Caitlin Curry – Wasatch Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

Cultural & Educational Interests

Stuart Derman – Wasatch Mountain Arts
Maura Hahnenberger – Salt Lake Community College
Hilary Lambert – Wasatch Mountain Institute

Transit & Transportation Interests

Roger Borgenicht – Utahns for Better Transportation
Danny Richardson -- Salt Lake City resident

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
Kelly Boardman – Salt Lake City resident
Dan Zalles – Sandy City resident
Adam Lenkowski – Cottonwood Heights resident
Linda Johnson – Salt Lake City resident

Recreation Interests

Ian Hartley – Mountain Trails
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

Youth Council

Newly created, for 16–30-year-olds

An educational forum

A platform for young people to engage directly with the Central Wasatch Commission on issues that affect them as residents of Utah and as users and stewards of the Central Wasatch.

Three committees –

- Diversity in the outdoors
- Environmental Dashboard Education
- Events and Outreach

2023 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
- MAINTENANCE OF UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE BATHROOMS AT TRAILHEADS LOCATED IN THE TRI-CANYONS
- SUPPORT OF THE BONANZA FLAT TRAILHEAD TRANSIT PROGRAM, OR TRANSIT TO TRAILS SHUTTLE 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 RECYCLE UTAH'S DUMPSTER DAYS EVENTS, WHICH HELP DIVERT TOXIC MATERIALS FROM WATERWAYS
- MAINTENANCE OF AGING FIXED ROCK ANCHOR HARDWARE ON CLIMBING ROUTES ACROSS THE CENTRAL WASATCH

CWC-led transit and transportation projects

Big Cottonwood Canyon Mobility Action Plan

The Plan makes recommendations specific to infrastructure and transit in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Recommendation highlights include the following:

- Implement a supplementary shuttle in Big Cottonwood Canyon
- Enhanced bus service with a dedicated transit lane with resort mobility hubs
- Tolling, restrictions to canyon on-road parking, and incentivizing bus options
- Year-round bus service featuring canyon trailhead stops

Ski Bus-Bypass Program

The CWC has collaborated with Sandy City and UTA since 2021 to provide an escort for the UTA ski bus, starting from the UTA Park N' Ride lot on 9400 South to the base of Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Bonanza Falt Transit to Trails Shuttle Program

The Transit to Trails program is a shuttle service from Park City to some of the highest use trailheads in the Wasatch Back. This shuttle provides a direct public transit option from the Park City Old Town area to the following trailheads along SR-224 and Guardsman Pass Road: Mid-Mountain Trailhead, Bonanza Flat Trailhead, and Bloods Lake Trailhead.

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HOME ABOUT ELEMENTS CONTRIBUTE

WELCOME TO THE CWC ENVIRONMENTAL DASHBOARD

The Environmental Dashboard is a tool for the public, land managers, policy makers and technical users. Explore the five main elements (air quality and climate, geology and soils, vegetation communities, water, and wildlife) to learn about the historic and current environmental conditions of the Central Wasatch.

AIR QUALITY AND CLIMATE

GEOLOGY AND SOILS

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

WATER

WILDLIFE

HUMAN ELEMENT

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Thank you.
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