



## Changes to Forest Service Restroom Contract

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Subject: Changes to Forest Service Restroom Contract

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Due to recent Forest Service spending restrictions, including the funding of contracts, the Salt Lake Ranger District (SLRD) is searching for alternative ways to fund the ongoing tri-canyons restroom maintenance contract between the Forest Service and the CWC. This is still in progress and a solution has been identified, but the implementation of the solution and accompanying contract will be delayed until the September 8, 2025 Board meeting.

The Forest Service pays \$26,000 annually (nearly half of the \$57,000 the CWC pays EcoBrite annually) to the CWC to cover the maintenance of restrooms in Millcreek Canyon because that is where those funds are collected. Typically, funds collected by Salt Lake County from the toll booth and other fees in Millcreek Canyon are held by the County until they are distributed to the Forest Service for use within that canyon. Now, the SLRD can't use those monies to fund the CWC restroom contract as they have been able to do historically. Instead, Salt Lake County will pay the CWC directly with the funds they have historically distributed to the Forest Service.

A similar arrangement is nearly complete (all but signed) with Cottonwood Canyons Foundation (CCF). They have had a contract similar to the CWC's with the Forest Service, where funds are collected by the County, distributed to the Forest Service, and then distributed by the Forest Service to CCF (except their agreement has largely funded staffing for CCF). CCF has done the same thing and contracted directly with Salt Lake County to receive funds historically received from the Forest Service, and Patrick Leary of Salt Lake County has told the SLRD that a similar contract with the CWC can be arranged. This is currently in progress and the County is awaiting some final details from the Forest Service, after which a contract will be drafted.