

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Payson City Council

Members of the Payson City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support and formal approval for the proposed forebay conservation easement. As a committee member of the forebay area, I have been closely involved in the process of developing this easement, and I firmly believe we have presented the city with the best possible option for the preservation and future use of this valuable land.

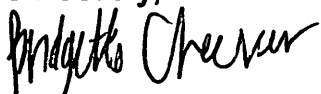
Our city motto, "Home to Adventure," speaks to the core of our community identity, and we proudly serve as the gateway to the scenic Nebo Loop. A conservation easement offers the ideal opportunity to put this motto into practice. By permanently protecting the forebay area, we are creating a lasting legacy of accessible outdoor recreation for all residents and visitors.

While investments in recreational facilities have their place, the enduring value of land preservation cannot be overstated. Land, unlike constructed amenities, stands the test of time. This conservation easement ensures that the natural beauty and recreational potential of the forebay area will be protected for the enjoyment of our children and grandchildren, and for generations to come.

The valley is experiencing rapid development and overbuilding. This easement is a crucial safeguard, guaranteeing that this vital green space remains intact, regardless of future shifts in leadership or fiscal priorities that might otherwise lead to the property being built on and portions sold off. The citizens of Payson have already invested in purchasing this property; now is the time to invest in its perpetual preservation for public use.

I urge you to approve the forebay conservation easement and secure this essential piece of Payson's natural heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bridgette Cheever". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Bridgette Cheever

Forebay Committee Member

Payson City Forebay Committee,

I have lived in this area for over 45 years now and my family and hiking friends go to Forebay often, to enjoy the beauty, the peace, the wildlife and to just enjoy the magnificent views. Please keep this area protected from development and encroachment .

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Sandra Osburn

**Payson City Forebay Committee,**

**Our family and friends love upper and lower Forebay throughout the seasons for hiking and mountain biking. Thank you for supporting outdoor sports for local families in our beautiful mountains!**

**Caroline Harvey**

Payson City Forebay Committee,

Me and my family, all 4 of my girls race on the goats team and me and my husband coach... have enjoyed forebay for many years during the season and off season. It has become our staple trail system for practice and we love it so much there. We've made so many memories all over those trails with team mates, family members, coaches, through laughter, watching progress, getting back on the saddle after a crash and pep talks in the parking lot. We hope to enjoy forebay for a long long time! Thanks for all your work to keep this alive!

Nikki Huntsman

Jeff Huntsman

Keizya Huntsman

Reila Huntsman

Mynn Huntsman

Emi Huntsman

To the Payson City Council,

As a proud resident of Payson and a frequent user of the Forebay Area, I would like to express my strong support for placing a deed of conservation easement on the 480-acre Forebay property. This land is one of Payson's most cherished community assets—a place where residents of all ages hike, mountain bike, snowshoe, ride horses, and experience the beauty of Payson Canyon.

Over the years, the Forebay has become more than just open space; it's a gathering place that connects families, promotes healthy recreation, and preserves a vital part of our local identity. Protecting it in perpetuity ensures that the beauty and accessibility of this area will remain for future generations, not just for those who can afford private mountain property.

I appreciate the hard work of the Forebay Committee and city leaders like Karl Teemant and Adam Cowie, who have thoughtfully developed a plan that balances conservation with recreation and water resource management. The idea of having an external easement holder, such as Lehi City, adds a valuable layer of accountability and long-term oversight—ensuring that future councils remain faithful to the conservation intent.

The Forebay aligns perfectly with Payson's new brand as the *"Home to Adventure."* By safeguarding it from development and maintaining opportunities for biking, hiking, and family recreation, we reinforce what makes Payson special: its connection to the outdoors and its commitment to community well-being.

I urge the City Council to approve this conservation easement and secure the Forebay's future as an open, protected space for all residents and visitors to enjoy. Thank you for considering this important step toward preserving our city's natural heritage.

Sincerely,

Brent Cheever

Concerned Citizen and Forebay User