

Central Wasatch Symposium Event Program
Millcreek City Hall

January 8, 2026		
	Breakout 1 <i>6th Floor</i> <i>Grandview Community Room</i>	Breakout 2 <i>2nd Floor</i> <i>Community Forum</i>
10:00-10:10	Welcome <i>Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Central Wasatch Commission Chair</i> Grandview Community Room	
10:10-11:10	Keynote Address <i>Darren Parry, Shoshone Elder, Author, and Storyteller</i> Grandview Community Room	
11:20-12:20	Considerations for Transportation Planning on Public Lands <i>Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest</i> Grandview Community Room	
12:20-1:20	Break: Lunch and Exhibitor Tables Grandview Multi-Purpose Room	
1:20-2:10	Stewarding a Growth Engine: Outdoor Recreation, the Central Wasatch, and Utah's Economy <i>Dr. Jordan Smith, Utah State University</i>	The Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Concept <i>Jon Nepstad and Ryan Hunter, Fehr and Peers</i>
2:20-3:10	Resilient Ice: How Rock Glaciers Will Shape the Future of Water in the Wasatch <i>Dr. Scott Hotaling, Utah State University</i>	Back by Popular Demand: A Crash Course in the State Legislative Process <i>Patrick Morrison and India Nielsen,</i> <i>Utah Department of Outdoor Recreation</i>
3:20-4:20	10 Years of Mountain Accord: A Retrospective Precipitating Events <i>Panelists: Ralph Becker, Former Salt Lake City Mayor; Laura Briefer, Salt Lake City Public Utilities Director;</i> <i>Chris Robinson, Summit County Council; Ben McAdams, Former Salt Lake County Mayor</i> <i>Moderated by Megan Nelson</i> Grandview Community Room	
4:30-5:20	Transit District Building in the Wasatch Back <i>Caroline Rodriguez, High Valley Transit;</i> <i>Chris Robinson, Summit County Council</i>	Advancing Watershed Health: The 2025 Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan <i>Robert Thompson and Ariana Mason, Salt Lake County</i> <i>Lily Wetterlin, SWCA Environmental Consultants</i>

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January 9, 2026		
	Breakout 1 6th Floor <i>Grandview Community Room</i>	Breakout 2 2nd Floor <i>Community Forum</i>
12:00-1:00	10 Years of Mountain Accord: A Retrospective A Conversation with Mountain Accord Leadership <i>Panelists: Jeff Edwards, Mountain Accord Economy System Group Chair; Joan DiGiorgio, Mountain Accord Environment System Group Chair; Brad Barber, Mountain Accord Recreation System Group</i> <i>Moderated by Laynee Jones, Mountain Accord Program Director</i> <i>Grandview Community Room</i>	
1:10-2:00	Recreation, Capacity, and Stewardship: Tools for Decision-Making in the Central Wasatch <i>Dr. CJ Blye, University of Utah</i>	Approaches to Watershed Management on Public Lands <i>Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest</i>
2:10-3:00	Wild Economics: How Preserving Land Can Help Our Recreation Industry <i>Jack Stauss, Save Our Canyons</i>	Mountains and Mental Health: How Landscape Impacts Our Well-Being <i>Dr. Megan Call, University of Utah</i>
3:00-3:30	Break: Exhibitor Tables, Snacks and Beverages <i>Grandview Multi-Purpose Room</i>	
3:30-4:20	Transit to Trails in the Wasatch Back: Bonanza Flat Parking and Transit Data <i>Julia Collins and Johnny Wasden, Park City Transit</i>	Processes and Impacts of Dust on Snow in the Wasatch <i>Dr. McKenzie Skiles</i>
4:30-5:30	The Evolution of Skiing in the Wasatch <i>Panelists: Caroline Gleich, Andrew McLean, Junior Bounous, Ayja Bounous, Elizabeth Kimball</i> <i>Moderated by Will McKay</i> <i>Grandview Community Room</i>	

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