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UTAH PASSENGER ROPEWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 27, 2026

UDOT Lester Wire conference room & Google Meets

Committee members at UDOT:	Rich Taxwood, Chairman, Ski Area Representative Russ Oberlander, Vice-chairman, Engineer Representative Paul Johnston, Public Representative
Committee members Google Meets:	Steve Thygerson, Public Representative Zach Doyle, Ski Area Representative Seth Wallace, U.S. Forest Service Representative
Committee members absent:	Patrick Cowley, UDOT ex-officio member
Staff:	Brynn Meredith, UDOT
Others (UDOT):	Paul Carter, Skytrac
Others (Google Meets):	Shane Gadbaw, Eagle Point Resort Charles Leonard, Eagle Point Resort Ryan Livingston, Elevation Engineering Brad Hansen, Utah Olympic Park Nick Dana, Park City Resort Bronwen Lindley, Sundance Brandon Nelson, Sundance Danny McRae, Powder Mountain Jason Davis, Alta Troy Matthews, Deer Valley Steve Kirner, Alterra Gustavo Gonzalez, MCP Lee Fuhrken, Doppelmayr Robert Langlands, Skytrac Dominic Romano Kyle Schutte

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 11, 2026 meeting were reviewed.

Following the review Paul Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes and Zach Doyle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Eagle Point Resort / Cottonwood fire discussion

The Cottonwood forest fire burned through the Eagle Point Resort. This discussion is intended to make sure that we are on the same page as the evaluation of the lifts progresses. The resort's initial look at the lifts showed that the skyline lift had some damage, the triple poma seemed to be the least affected. The canyonside lift, lookout quad, and the platter lift were more damaged. The insurance company had Ryan Livingston, a structural engineer take an initial look at the lifts. The priority is to determine how the fire impacted each lift so decisions can be made about the repairs.

Ryan Livingston's observations of the lifts is:

Monarch (Poma triple): The least affected lift. There were no visible signs of excessive heat on the lift. No trees were burnt around it. No purging of grease. The plastic parts showed no signs of melting or warping. Russ Oberlander thought that if there was no indication that the lift was impacted by the fire then it would only be required to have the normal annual maintenance, wire rope inspection, and general inspection.

Skyline (Poma double): The top and bottom terminals looked to be fine. There are sections of the line that the grips, carriers, towers, comm line, and rope will need to a closer evaluation.

Tuscher Platter (Poma platter): A lot of damage to carriers, rope, terminals and controls.

Lookout (CTEC quad): Probably received the most damage. The rope looks to possibly have a plastic core that may have melted sections. Grips, carriers, towers and line equipment need close evaluation. The top and bottom terminals appeared to be in good shape.

Canyonside (Yan double): Bottom terminal seems good. The top and bottom operator shacks were burned. The Turcite bushings in grips and line equipment may have bushings damaged. Comm lines had damage. The top terminal is in good condition. Some carriers were damaged.

Metallurgical concerns on heat affected portions of the rope will need to be determined by the wire rope manufacturer. The wire rope inspector will be able to take measurements of the rope to determine if there has been any collapse of the core or external damage that would exceed the allowable wear.

The plan is to have engineers from Poma and Doppelmayr inspect their lifts to determine needed repairs. The resort will keep the Committee updated as the evaluations are completed.

III. Forest Service, area, and manufacturer updates

The areas and lift manufacturers present gave a brief update on the recent activities.

IV. Open Discussion / Questions

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.