

CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION

STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL

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MOUNTAIN ACCORD



In 2013, Mountain Accord brought together disparate interests in a collaborative manner to settle decades of conflict and create a sustainable plan for the preservation of the Central Wasatch. The collaboration among these interests—including representatives from federal, state and local governments and agencies, environmental advocacy groups, and private interests—was created to examine broad solutions to preserving the Central Wasatch Range for future generations.

The process brought together more than 20 organizations and nearly 200 stakeholders to discuss a plan for future that preserved the legacy of the Wasatch. Groups were formed around four important areas — environment, recreation, transportation and economy.

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These groups first established a baseline for the way each part of the puzzle exists today and how it may exist in the future, a collection of visions, goals, and ways to measure progress, and created a set of “perfect world” idealized systems for each area.

This work led to the Mountain Accord Charter, a proposal that examined each area in detail and proposed suggestions and possibilities for the future. The Mountain Accord Charter was signed in July 2015 by the many stakeholders.

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- The CWC is an interlocal governmental entity which was formed by an interlocal agreement in July 2017
- The mission of the CWC is to coordinate among the many canyon stakeholders to address canyon transportation issues, environmental protection, recreational stewardship, and economic development, as set forth by Mountain Accord

AUTHORITIES



Authorities: Powers granted by the Interlocal Cooperation Act. Enter contracts, hire staff. Collectively seek, hold, distribute funds .

No Authorities: No authorities given up by Commissioner jurisdictions. No regulatory authority. No authority over local land use/zoning. No authority to levy tax. No condemnation authority.

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CENTRAL WASATCH NATIONAL CONSERVATION RECREATION AREA ACT



The Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area (CWNCRA) is a proposed Federal bill that designates 80,000 acres of U.S. Forest Service land in the Central Wasatch mountains as a National Conservation Recreation Area.

Hallmarks of the legislation include

- Authorization for land exchanges between the participating Cottonwood Canyon ski resorts and the U.S. Forest Service;
- Approximately 8,000 new acres of Wilderness and the White Pine Watershed Protection Area;
- Direction for the Forest Service to draft a management plan for the NCRA within three years of the legislation passing.

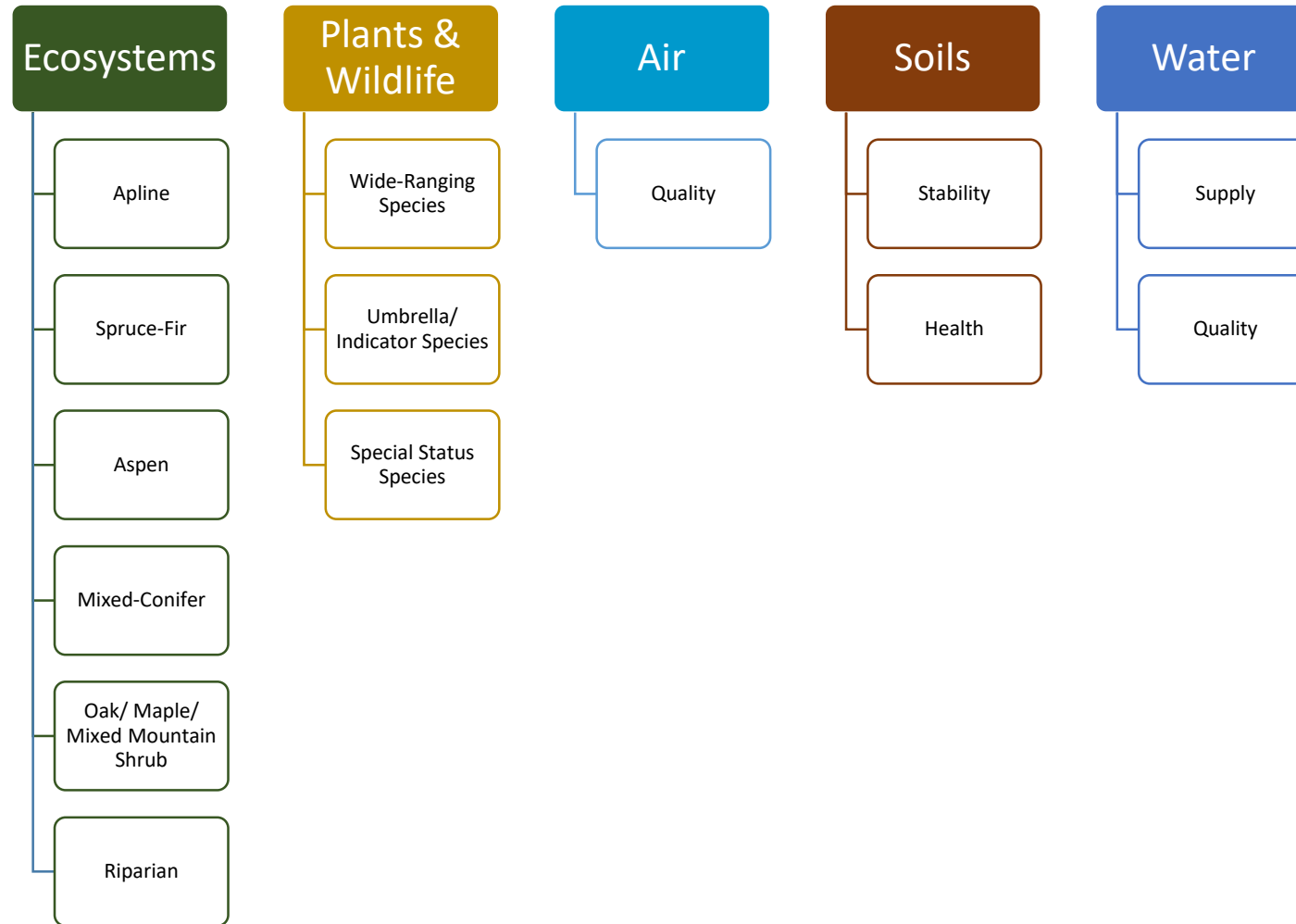
ENVIRONMENTAL DASHBOARD



The Dashboard is a tool for decision makers to track the Central Wasatch's environmental health and evaluate impacts in future planning discussions. It is the intention that the Dashboard is a legacy project and will be updated on a regular basis. It is scientifically based, data rich, and technically credible.

The Dashboard compiles data currently collected throughout the Central Wasatch Mountains in a way that provides a picture of the complete health of the mountain range, as well as a mechanism for measuring the health moving forward.

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TRANSPORTATION WORK



Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Statement

UDOT adjusted the scope of the LCC EIS to address the immediate challenges of traffic congestion at key intersections, trailhead parking and canyon closures in Little Cottonwood. The revised EIS began in Spring 2018, and includes consideration for:

- Avalanche Sheds
- A third lane in LCC
- Lane improvements from SR-210/SR-209 intersection to Wasatch Resorts Driveway
- Trailhead parking will be evaluated at Bridge, Lisa Falls and White Pine
- Wasatch Boulevard improved mobility for commuters and adjacent neighborhoods

TRANSPORTATION WORK



Cottonwood Canyons Transportation Action Plan

The CCTAP will provide a prioritized list of actions for future improvements for implementation by the CWC and other partners to address long-term transportation needs in both Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons.

This study will include, but is not limited to:

- Tolling
- Water quality
- Traffic congestion
- Transit
- Pedestrian and bike facilities