

Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act 8/19/19 Discussion Draft

The CWNCRA does the following:

- Authorizes land exchanges and the option for split-estate land exchanges between the U.S. Forest Service and ski areas in the Cottonwood Canyons
- Permanently fixes ski area boundaries after the completion of the legislative land exchanges
- Realigns existing Wilderness to allow for the continued multi-use of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail
- Creates a new Mount Aire/Grandeur Peak Wilderness Area
- Adds to the existing Lone Peak Wilderness Area
- Creates the White Pine Watershed Protection Area
- Authorizes the expansion or construction of parking areas, trailheads, or restrooms within the NCRA if a need is identified
- Directs the creation of a management plan for the NCRA within 3 years after the adoption of the bill that must:
 - Protect water quality and watershed resources
 - Protect environmentally sensitive areas
 - Manage natural resources
 - Promote public safety, including avalanche control
 - o Facilitate year-round outdoor recreation

Additionally:

- Private lands have no overlay of a new designation. Additionally, the ski permit areas where resort skiing is permitted by the Forest Service are not within the NCRA overlay
- The CWNCRA does not affect the ability of authorized users to access, operate, and maintain water infrastructure within the NCRA with applicable authorizations and permits
- Mechanized travel is prohibited within the NCRA, however, fire maintenance, fuels reduction, vegetation management, and other public safety measures including avalanche control are explicitly allowed for

Find more information on the CWNCRA and accompanying maps at cwc.utah.gov

