Central Wasatch Commission Stakeholder Council - Millcreek Canyon Committee

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James Herlyck, Federal Representative

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Utah Programming Decision Committee (PDC)

Federal Lands Access Program

***Re: Mill Creek Canyon Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Application***

Dear members of the Utah Programming Decision Committee:

This letter will confirm our enthusiastic support of Salt Lake County’s application for the Mill Creek Canyon Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant.

Mill Creek Canyon is an important regional resource for the residents along the Wasatch Front as well as visiting outdoor enthusiasts. Its proximity to the Salt Lake Valley and the many amenities that are available year-round make the canyon a popular recreational destination. Individuals and groups can use the picnic areas, bicycle up and down canyon, and spend time backcountry camping, hiking, and dog walking. A yurt is available for public use by reservation and cross-country skiing above the winter gate is available from November 1st to late spring each year. It’s a nature-based experience that challenges the indoor technology experience of our everyday lives in a significant way.

The Millcreek Canyon Committee of the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) Stakeholders Council is a group of volunteers intimately familiar with and representing the needs and desires of a wide range of users in Millcreek Canyon. We act as a resource within the CWC, reviewing user and resource needs, challenges, and opportunities to inform recommendations for actions related to Millcreek Canyon. .

We have reviewed the proposed projects that would be included in the FLAP grant to benefit Millcreek Canyon. Where it is consistent with the principles of the Mountain Accord we support Salt Lake County’s application. We stand with Salt Lake County as a partner, committed to supporting their efforts to improve access to the Federal Lands in Mill creek Canyon.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

CWC Stakeholder Council - Millcreek Canyon Committee

[Note: Committee name revision is in-process]