



Central Wasatch Commission
Short Term Projects Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 29th, 2020
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Committee membership: Councilmember Jim Bradley, Chair;
Councilmember Marci Houseman, Co-Chair; Mayor Erin Mendenhall

CWC Sponsored USFS Restroom Maintenance
Project Proposal

Purpose

Between Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons, there are 21 toilets that both the United States Forest Service and Salt Lake City Public Utilities pay to maintain. Because of a lack of necessary funding to maintain existing USFS facilities, Salt Lake City Public Utilities is subsidizing the maintenance of some USFS bathrooms throughout the Cottonwood Canyons. Snowbird has also sponsored the maintenance of trailhead bathrooms at White Pine. The novel coronavirus may also impact the Forest Service's ability to maintain normal bathroom cleaning and upkeep, as social distancing recommendations may persist into the summer season, increasing the need for partner support.

The Central Wasatch Commission has an opportunity to provide funds to “sponsor” a bathroom at a trailhead in Little or Big Cottonwood Canyon in order to alleviate some of the monetary strain felt by the Forest Service while ensuring that trailhead bathroom facilities remain open to people as they visit the Canyons. The overall goal of a trailhead bathroom sponsorship is to help protect the quality of the watershed that originates in the Cottonwood Canyons, and maintain the availability of bathroom facilities to Canyon visitors. Three trailhead locations have been identified as potential areas that the Central Wasatch Commission could sponsor for the duration of the season the facilities are available:

1. Mill B, Lower Big Cottonwood Canyon -- 2 flush toilets
2. Temple Quarry, Little Cottonwood Canyon -- 2 vault toilets
3. Donut Falls, Big Cottonwood Canyon -- 2 vault toilets

Included below is a maintenance quote for comparable bathroom facility maintenance costs associated with bathrooms at trailheads in the Cottonwood Canyons. These quotes resulted from a Salt Lake Public Utilities cost inquiry, and do not include the price of toilet paper:

White Pine

Bathrooms	Location	Days per month	Monthly Price	Price per day (with Travel)	Travel Per Day (\$30/hr)	Price Per Day - Travel	Price Per Toilet (Not including travel time)
2	1	12	975.00	81.25	\$15	\$66.25	\$33.13

Maintenance on: Sat, Sun or Mon, Tues, Thur

	Bathrooms	Location	Days	Days Per Month	Per Toilet	Travel Per Day (\$20/hr)	Total Monthly Price	Total Weekly Price
Cardiff Flat	2	1	4	17	\$24.00	\$10.00	\$872.00	\$241.23
Spruce Camp Ground	4	1	4	17	\$24.00	\$10.00	\$1,704.00	\$433.23
Guardsman's Pass Camp Ground	2	1	4	17	\$24.00	\$10.00	\$872.00	\$241.23
Park and Ride	4.5	1	4	17	\$24.00	\$10.00	\$1,912.00	\$481.23
							\$5,360.00	\$1,396.92

Staff have requested similar maintenance bids for three trailhead bathrooms:

1. Mill B, Lower Big Cottonwood Canyon -- 2 flush toilets
2. Temple Quarry, Little Cottonwood Canyon -- 2 vault toilets
3. Donut Falls, Big Cottonwood Canyon -- 2 vault toilets

If staff receive quotes similar to the costs illustrated above, we can anticipate approximately **\$872.00 per month** to maintain each of the two-seat toilets listed above. The bathroom opening and closing dates are variable based on weather, however, if we assume the bathrooms are open to the public from June 1, 2020 – October 31, 2020, the CWC would incur approximately **\$4,360 in maintenance costs for the season for a 2-seat bathroom.** The cost to maintain two bathrooms for the season is \$8,720. The cost to maintain all three listed bathrooms is \$13,080.