

Good Thursday morning trail lovers- Here is a written status report for you to read before our 2 pm meeting today. During the meeting we can focus on answering questions and coming up with ideas rather reading the status report to you.

A big thanks to Zinnia and Chelsea!

2) SL County Trails plan status- No news on if funding is in the SLCo P&R 2022 budget request.

3) USFS Trails Inventory status and next steps- Tri-Canyon Trails Master Plan Status Update
Tri-Canyon Trails Master Plan Status Update

This year (2021) the System Trail Inventory process is following a detailed protocol to inventory Forest Service System Trails. For each trail inventory a trained individual walks the entire trail, collecting a GIS polyline, and completes a comprehensive survey describing trail conditions ranging from specifications (width, grade, etc.); trail maintenance issues (erosion, sloughing, etc.); trail work timelines (drainage, brushing, etc.); trail infrastructure (bathrooms, parking, etc.); recreational uses (hikers, dogs, bikes, etc.); and future opportunities (loops, connections, etc.). This ground-truth data will be used to see how each trail meets its prescribed Trail Management Objective (trail standards set by the Forest Service), its current or future needs for maintenance, and current recreation patterns. This is different than last year's (2020) inventory of user-created trails, which followed a different protocol.

These two years of inventorying existing trails, in combination with a Trail Counter study, and check-ins with Forest Service Resource Specialists make up the first stage of the Tri Canyon Master Trails Process – Data Gathering to Understand Current Conditions. This stage will wrap up late this fall, will be analyzed over the winter, and shared with stakeholders. Such conversations will allow for feedback on the data collected and insight on recreational values. The next stage, Drafting Plans, will provide several opportunities for stakeholders (CWC, watershed, ski resorts, etc.) to provide input, feedback, ecosystem values, and central concerns.

4) Town of Brighton trails planning and Township General Plan - Town of Brighton will include trails planning as part of the Transportation section of their 2022 General Plan. The focus will be on trailhead improvements but this is also an opportunity to include potential new and rerouted trail alignments. Brighton might contribute funding to FS tri-canyon planning effort.

5) Trail projects status Red Pine, Upper Pipeline, Wasatch Crest, Rattlesnake, Jacobs Ladder, BST, Desolation

Red Pine: 8/22-8/28, a partial FS crew worked with a group of volunteers on rerouting the uppermost segment of the steep trail. Volunteers were camped on site...organized by a group called "Wilderness Volunteers", based in Flagstaff AZ.

Upper Pipeline: Project is now complete with thanks to the USFS Trail crew sawyers, Nature Trails tread construction, and CCF for final rockwall/handbuild. Awaiting new Bridge at Elbow Fork.

Wasatch Crest: Trail crew currently on second spike out, hoping to finish the short reroute by next Saturday but further work might be necessary. Other segments of trail will be addressed in future seasons.

Rattlesnake: Nature Trails is 1/3 complete of the <10% grade parallel trail that will be the Rattlesnake BST section. To be complete this year.

Jacob's ladder: Work just beginning on reroute of upper jacobs ladder trail. Layout by

Lindsay/FS, most funding through SLCA, trailbuild firm is Singletrack since they do both machine and handbuild. Trail crew rehabbing old trail.

BST Salt Lake: The meadow hillside section of BCC to Ferguson Cyn completed, mainly CCF with volunteers, some FS time. Another 5 days of CCF this fall, then the remainder next spring.

BST land purchases with State funding and local 20% match to move forward on 5 parcels this Fall in Cottonwood Heights and Millcreek. May allow Pipeline to Parleys BST completion in 2022.

Parley Pointe BST north of I-80 half way done and to be completed this year.

Desolation: UCC completed planned brush back and tread work

Lake Blanche: UCC plus FS crew, stairs through talus field and retaining wall to fix the large "hole".

Butler Fork: two Wilderness bridges, tread widening/repair, brushback.

Dog lake: Most of the tread completed last year, this year built bridge abutments, helicopter delivered bridges, constructed, completed tie-ins, brushed in old trail (not completely yet)

Alta: connector trail from Catherines parking to Cecret Lake trailhead, including bridge construction.

Compliance efforts: 2 in millcreek, 2 in silver lake/big cottonwood, 1 at albion.

Outside the Central Wasatch:

BST Davis: Constructed from Wild Rose most of the way to North Canyon. Expecting to continue towards Mueller this fall.

Davis Creek: UCC plus FS crew, rerouting steep section

Stansbury Front: FS plus enterprise crew, rerouting steep section in Martin Fork south of Boyscout

Adams Canyon: reroute where trail criss-crossed stream and eroded banks. Construction/delineation of braided steep section

Stansbury and Davis Motorized sign grants: designing, ordering, installing kiosks, regulatory, and directional signage.

6) Trails and Toilets operations and maintenance funding needs, strategies, and budgeting

Big picture need: an organization that can collect funds from various partners/grants/donors and push funds out to partners/contractors.

Example funders:

Partners???: FS, CCF, SLCA, Ski Areas, SLCDPU, TOB, TOA, SLCO, CWC, TU?

Grants: RRI, TRCC, what else?

Donors: Trail adopters, outdoor industries, etc

Example labor:

Partners: FS, CCF, SLCDPU, SLCA crews

Contractors: existing or developed to meet this need

Types of work:

Trails: annual clearing and drainage, heavy maintenance (brushback, tread repair, retaining walls etc) according to schedule, big projects (reroutes, bridge repair etc) according to need, sign replacement, etc

Bathrooms: daily (or close) re-stocking and cleaning. Repairs.

Parking area: asphalt maintenance, winter plowing, etc.

Current approach (on just the trail side of the equation):

FS and UCC going after RRI and RTP funds for deferred maintenance work and big maintenance projects.

Trail adoptions (combo of financial and labor) through CCF

Volunteers managed by variety of orgs

CCF, SLCA, TU contributions

7) 2022 projects planning

Continuation on many of the above bigger projects, working on new sections.

Also:

Elbow Fork Bridge

Mueller Park (millcreek) bridge and continuation of BST Davis

Cardiff Bridge and boardwalk re-bid...pricetag came in too high with the crazy supply prices this season.

UCC and FS heavy maintenance/small projects on Bells Canyon, Stansbury Crest Trail, and

Bair Canyon

Tuttle and Buckland tread repair

Spruces grooming