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Visitor Use Study Update: Executive Committee

For your information:

From: CWC staff

The executive committee will recall at the April 5, 2021 board meeting the board approved Resolution 2021-05: A Resolution Approving Entry into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Utah State University for a Visitor Use Study with Dr. Jordan Smith being the lead.

The initial agreement for the study identified as "Phase I"; at an approved total cost of \$37,324.58, established November 1, 2021 for completion of Phase I. Dr. Jordan is now prepared to present the completed report for Phase I at the November 1, 2021 CWC Board Meeting.

The scope of work as outlined in Phase I is organized around three (3) questions tailored to meet the requirements outlined in the RFP Section 2.03. These questions are:

1. What key indicators do we need to pay attention to and what data about recreation use in the canyons currently exists?
2. What are the most appropriate ecological, physical, and social indicators for distinct types of recreation settings within the canyons? (This question has since been broken down into additional phases and approved independently).
3. What indicators should be prioritized in Phase 2 of the project to most effectively guide management decisions and investments in outdoor recreation infrastructure throughout the canyons?

Just a reminder:

There have been subsequent conversations and resolutions approved for Phase II of the Visitor Use Study: Resolution 2021-16: A Resolution Concerning the Visitor Use Study (August 2, 2021)

Resolution 2021-17: A Resolution Approving Entry into the First Amendment to an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Utah State University for a Visitor Use Study for Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon (October 4, 2021).

Dr. Smith's presentation on November 1, 2021 may reference this additional work, however will focus primarily on the completion of Phase I scope of work.

