



Big Cottonwood Canyon

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION

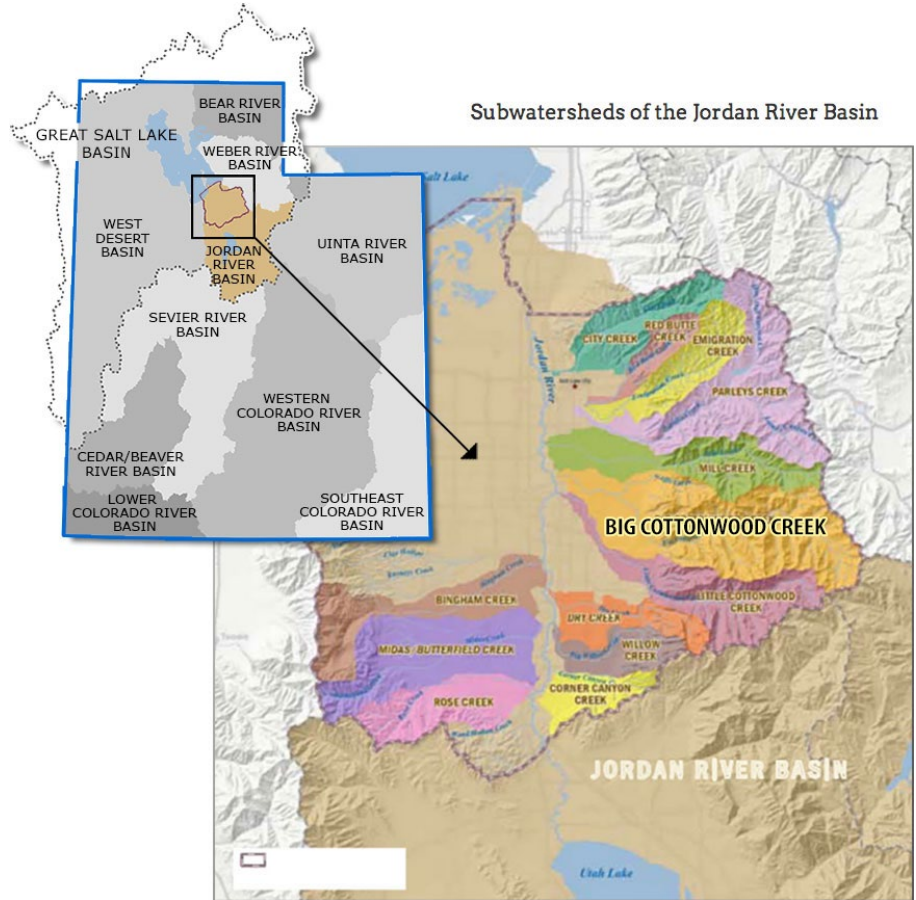


2,000,000 ANNUAL VISITORS.

Big Cottonwood Canyon is a huge attraction for the State of Utah.

It provides a large **economic, environmental** and **recreational benefit** to Utah:

- 2 world class ski resorts
- Wasatch National Forest <50 miles of trails
- Salt Lake's largest watershed



In 2017 SB 277 appropriated \$100 million for transportation projects. \$60 million of it went to Little Cottonwood Canyon EIS.

Date	Big Cottonwood	Little Cottonwood
Memorial Day	4,225	2,231
July 3	9,206	3,024
July 24	8,284	3,986
October 3	10,978	7,339
October 4	10,052(leaf-peepers)	2,140
December 10	9,445	2,928
December 26	6,530	3,592
December 31	6,260	4,042

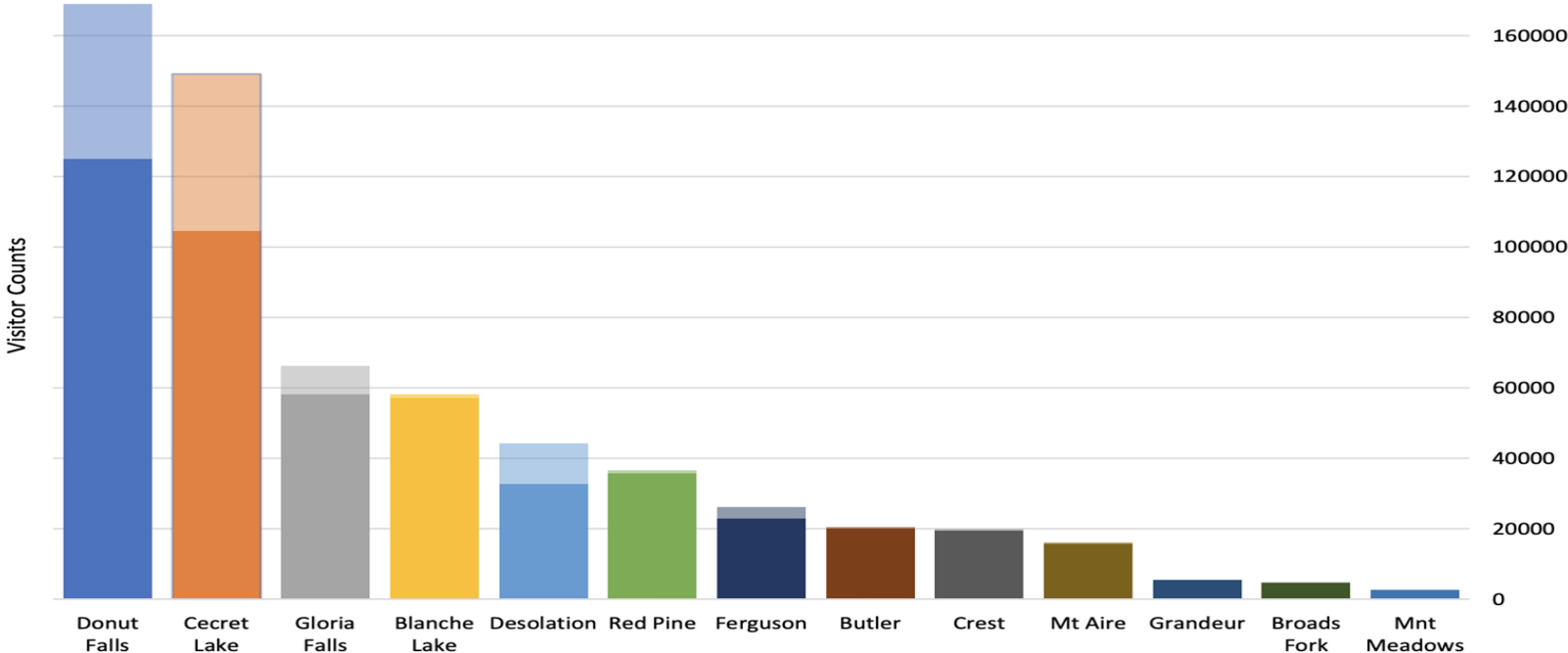
LCC EIS was conducted before Covid pandemic exponentially increased traffic in BCC.

Most visited trail in Wasatch Front is in BCC

* Numbers collected pre covid

Total Visitation by Trail

**Data represents total TRAFx counts, thus counting visitors coming and going*





The current situation in Big Cottonwood Canyon requires immediate focus.

- Many days in the summer with over **5,000** vehicles in the canyon
- Winter weekends often see **6,000–7,000** vehicles in the canyon
- These numbers push the envelope for the current BCC infrastructure capacity for police, restrooms, roadside parking, and public transit.
- Current traffic and parking issues often make the canyon congested, which is unwelcoming to our visitors, a challenge for residents and businesses, and, according to the USFS, causes environmental damage.

\$10 million
for long term
planning in
Big Cottonwood
Canyon

1. Cooperative Plan that includes UTA, UDOT, USFS, Salt Lake Public Utilities, Central Wasatch Commission
2. Hire engineers to develop a traffic mitigation plan
3. Greatly increase the use of public transportation
 - a. Increase the number and frequency of bus service
 - b. Build 2 transportation hubs, adjacent to each ski area
 - c. Offer summer bus service on weekends
 - d. Restripe Brighton Loop Rd to create a bus lane
4. Perform a capacity study
5. Environmental maintenance projects such as additional restrooms that protect the watershed and trailheads.
6. Assist in paying for the construction of a parking garage

Further Data

[Traffic Flow numbers](#) in Big Cottonwood Canyon And
Little Cottonwood Canyon