

The following citizens have submitted the form email below. These submissions were received after the additional comments were posted on the Utah Public Notice website on February 14, 2022.

Jennifer Fisher, Christine Barker, Natalie Schultz, Anna Brewer, Bryce Ipson, Nathan Brown, Bob Speiser, Nancy Starks, Nelson Baker, Sheryl Schindler, Madelyn Cartwright, Jess Lofland, Allison Moore, Stephanie McStotts, Thomas George, Phillip Cannon, Bruce Sherman, Suzanne Sherman, John Funk, Connor Pehrson, Cheryl Sherman, Jeanine Kuhn-Coker, James Viney, Kent S. Burningham, Brandon Patterson, Stephanie Naden, James O'Donoghue, Molly McFadden, Mary Ellen Navas, Matthew Vukin, George Vargyas, Kristen Rogers-Iversen, Taylor Jones, Emery Bahna, Tanya Hunt, Jeremy Cummings, Margo Stevens, Benjamin Rees, John Whittaker, William Grimshaw, Janet Houtz, Kyle Gish, Herman Post, David Scheer, Ian Ehrlich, Cathryn Cordray, Fernando Rodriguez, Scott Kafesjian, Meg Wagner, Alex Chagovetz, Vicki Turner, Eric Balken, Connor Hansell, John McNulty, Dave Grainger, Harrison Jenkins, Eric Polczynski, Kyle Moreton, Michelle Loomis, Megan Karzen, Shanna Lelli, Doug Allinger, Heidi Gledhill, Deborah Candler, Susan Parsons, Meagan Oltman, Brenda Reiss-Brennan, Brandon Hill, William Marsden, Kathleen Merrill, Tara Shupe, Jennilyn Tockstein, Jessie Paul, Chip Higgins, Christopher Woolridge, Ben Driggs, Casey Jacketta, Jim Byrne, Jamie Fendler, Brad Nauman, Robert Lindsley, Vong Martinez, Jonathan Fischer, Elizabeth Brennan, Emily Pitsch, Ian Wade, Drew Barr, Sarah Buchmiller, Meghan Schott, Kennard Machol, Chantal Papillon, Brian Walsh, Oakley Gordon, Isaac Lindstrom, Meaghan McKasy, Edward Jenkins, Reily Shields, Leslie Grant, Rob Ence, Jason Eichhorst, Sara Wittenberger, E P Kosmicki, David Iltis, Heather Blakley, Lorrnz Steininger, Benjamin Smith, Doug Krause, Michael Budge, Linda Church, Chris Drumright, Steven Seftel, Jonathan Amburgey, Tara Hetz, Kathy Pope, Charles Huff, Carla E, Christian Paul, Todd Hughes, Sherri Evershed, Ralph and Kay Packard, Con Thueson, Jan Striefel, Geoffrey Crockett, Cathy Lanigan, Audrey Lee, David Rabiger, Matt Monson, Carmen Harris, Morgan Millar, Emily Sherman, Shyanne Zubal, Jason Newman, Olga Korchmaryeva, Ian Peisner, Kim Brown, Erin Miller-Brennan, Spencer Crocker, Michael Peck, Mireille Jawhar, Thomas Carter, Samuel Bloom, Joseph Vargyas, Janet Neihart, Kathleen English, Don P. Kauchak, Karen De Rose-Porter, Paul Kalka, Suzanne Eskenazi, Caroline Weiler, Dennis Goreham, Mary Paul, Bruce Ballinger, Cynthia Crass, Bret Matthews, Angelika Pfutzner, Sergio Padilla, Mel Green, Tamara Sarzalejo, Rachael Broadbent.

Form email submitted by above list of citizens

Dear SLCo MPD and Commission Wendy Gurr,

Dear Salt Lake Co. Mountainous Planning District and County Planning Commissioners,

Adding a mine within the most densely populated area of our state that already struggles with poor air quality and sensitive water resources is a reckless action jeopardizing the health and frankly, the economic future of our state. To this end, I support the leadership of Salt Lake County's Mountains Planning District and the Salt Lake County Planning Commission to amend the Forestry and Recreation Zones.

I support the following revisions of Salt Lake County Ordinances:

Prohibit the uses of "mineral extraction and processing; mine; quarry; gravel pit; including crushers or concrete batching plants used in connection with and as part of an operation for the removal of sand, gravel and/or rock aggregate in the Forest Recreation Zone and in the Foothills and Canyons Overlay Zone."

Establish a process for the County planning director to decide whether or not a use not listed is prohibited or related to a conditional or permitted use in the relevant ordinances.

A 600 plus acres mine, or any industrialization of the Wasatch's watershed is inconsistent with the values of our communities. It threatens our water, ecosystems and quality of life. I applaud this proposed revision of the ordinance that will speak loudly on behalf of all that depend upon and value the Wasatch Range.

Thank you for your time and attention.

The following citizen submitted the form email and added the following additional comments:

Sami Rikli

This is absolutely insane. We already have Rio Tinto on one side of the valley polluting our air, water, and soil. We definitely do not need another mine. Do not jeopardize our increasingly precious resources for a mine.

Nancy Wingelaar

The Wasatch Mountains are one of the main reasons I live Utah and I constantly comment about their beauty to my friends in other states. Further mineral extraction would irreparably damage them for the future. No value of the minerals extracted would be worth their disfigurement.

Marjorie McCloy

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do not allow this travesty, which serves only the owners, or ANY mining in this area, to occur. Adding a mine within the most densely populated area of our state that already struggles with poor air quality and sensitive water resources is a reckless action jeopardizing the health and frankly, the economic future of our state. To this end, I support the leadership of Salt Lake County's Mountains Planning District and the Salt Lake County Planning Commission to amend the Forestry and Recreation Zones.

Heleena Sideris

Take a moment and truly consider what you want your legacy to be. For your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to inherit. Will they be proud of a scarred landscape that degraded the natural ecosystems that support human life? Or will they be ashamed of these actions?

Aaron London

As a Salt Lake City resident who recreates in Emigration, Parleys, Millcreek, Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons year round I find it utterly insane that we would allow the further industrialization of these mountains that so many residents rely upon for relief from the industrial wasteland that is the already mine and refinery filled Salt Lake Valley below.

Linda Rauter

It is true that I am not a resident, but our daughter lives in Herriman, and we visit her adopted state as much as we can. Utah is indeed a beautiful and unique state, but so much has already been defiled and made toxic by various industries. My daughter lives just adjacent to a glowing copper mine. I worry about her health because of it.

Katherine Lake

I have lived at the mouth of Parley's Canyon for the past 40+ years and have personally experienced the degradation of the air quality due to the extraction operation on the north side of I-80 in Parley's Canyon. The visible particulate in the air can be seen weekly from the mouth of the canyon looking eastward. Our cars & the windows of my home are continually covered with particulate. The wind blows down-canyon every morning, spreading the residue throughout our neighborhood and beyond. Additional mining activity can only make it worse.

We depend on you to advocate for the health, well-being, and best interests of our community.

Rebecca Johnson

I am a resident of Salt Lake, who is already concerned about existing struggles with horrible air quality and very sensitive water resources. Why would we take action that jeopardizes our health and wellness even further? Additionally, Utah is known for its mountains and natural beauty, and compromising that will impact our economy.

Please support these revisions to Salt Lake County Ordinances, as I do:

ANY industrialization, let alone a 600 acre mine, of the Wasatch's watershed is counter to our community values. Please support this proposed revision, and protect water, ecosystems and quality of life.

Bethany Lopez

I was shocked and distraught to hear about the possibility of adding a mine to Parley's Canyon. This canyon is already too scarred by industry and could not bear another huge brunt like this without severely compromising the local ecosystem our city professes to be so proud of.

Robert Macfarlane

Creating a new mine within the most densely populated area of our state will exacerbate that poor air quality with fugitive dust and diesel emissions and impact sensitive water resources. Utah is gaining traction in clean tech and this type of mine will negatively impact quality of life and the economic future of our state. I moved away from a mine at the point of the mountain to escape the constant dust from Geneva Rock and now face another mine that wants to exist for 100 years nearby.

Janet Walker Gillette

I feel strongly that allowing industrial and commercial developments is detrimental to our quality of life and the life of our canyon and its inhabitants! I am 91 years old and have lived in my home in what is now named Millcreek since 1953...I feel I have a just role in helping conserve our land.

Daniel Schelling

I would also like to point out that one of the reasons why the economy of Utah and the Salt Lake area is booming is that many people and companies want to location here for the quality of life, which includes proximity to the outdoors. The proposed mine in Parleys Canyon will likely change that equation, and could put an end to the desire of individuals and companies to move here. This, in turn, would have a much greater negative impact on the economy of Utah than any potential positive impact from the proposed mine.

Craig Buschmann

I oppose the proposed Parley's Canyon mine and urge you to do the same.

Dave Pacheco

I've lived in Salt Lake City my entire life. The last thing we need is another ugly mining project in the grand entryway to the way, along I-80 in Parley's Canyon. Get gravel elsewhere.

Heather Matheson

I grew up here in the foothills of the Wasatch and currently an avid hiker, trail runner and skier.

Tony Field

As a former property owner in the Mt Aire community, I know the area well. FCOZ was difficult to work with as far as approving building permits in the canyon. To allow a mining company to operate on 600 acres in that area would be a failing by all of us, and certainly not the rule of preservation and protection that I experienced in my interactions with Salt Lake County.

From: [Beverly Cooper](#)
To: [Wendy Gurr](#)
Subject: Planning Commission Ordinance Revisions
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:24:19 AM

I am writing to support the Ordinance to the Salt Lake County Code that would eliminate mineral extraction and processing in the Wasatch Mountains.

We are so fortunate to have these outdoor resources available to County residents. Once they are destroyed, they are gone for our recreation and health uses.

From: [Tom Diegel](#)
To: [Wendy Gurr](#)
Subject: Parley's Mine
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:09:15 PM

Hello

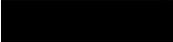
I) am writing today to urge you to continue to reject the application for the mine near the mouth of Parley's Canyon.

I have lived in the Salt Lake Valley within a few hundred yards of Parley's Creek for over 20 years,, and over the last dozen years have been actively involved in Mountain Accord and am currently on the Central Wasatch Commission Stakeholder's Council. While I understand that development pressure that is associated with the growth of the Salt Lake Valley and the need for raw materials to supply that growth, developing yet another mine in our valley will degrade the valley to what would likely be the breaking point for my family. The gravel pits near the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, North Salt Lake, and Point of the Mountain have transgressed beyond being just an eyesore to being an extraordinary rupture in the integrity of the valley, and in conjunction with the Kennecott copper mine, the north-town refineries, and the soon-to-be Inland Port I think many Salt Lake residents are feeling - like me - like we are increasingly living in an eastern industrial city rather than the beacon of idyllic Western living that some of our leaders have long touted.

Gouging out that mountainside above the highway that many see as a gateway to the mountain town of Park City would not only be a distasteful eyesore and create lots of additional truck traffic on I-80 (that I can hear in my house that is devalued as a result) but would create dust that would blow down the canyon and into thousands of people's homes EVERY DAY with the katabatic cooling that occurs every evening. The state has spent millions of dollars on trying to help the many species of wildlife in that zone, and putting a mine there would discharge that effort and money, and it would have a dramatic effect on the new and proposed trails in that area that are the MOST ACCESSIBLE TRAILS IN THE VALLEY, something that Covid proved - yet again - is a huge attribute that SLCO taxpayers value.

For once, I hope that a government entity in Utah does NOT leap at the latest shiny economic development opportunity and instead takes the longer/broader view of "what is it that our voters/taxpayers/constituents want?" I can tell you they don't want the many detriments that the mine represents and they do want to be able to enjoy their local trails and their homes without the dust, noise, and general blight associated with a mine so that a few folks can make a lot of money and some developers can save money on by having a more-local source. I understand that there's a cost to transporting the goods a greater distance, but in this case the cost is worthy to preserve that mountainside.

Best regards,

Tom Diegel
Salt lake City


From: [Lisa D Urness](#)
To: [Wendy Gurr](#)
Subject: PROHIBIT MINING OPERATIONS IN THE SLC CANYONS!!
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:38:24 PM

To the members of the Planning Commission:

I strongly urge you vote in favor of changing the land use ordinance to prohibit mining operations **in perpetuity** in the SLC canyons! The proposed gravel pit in Parley's canyon is one of the more outrageous and egregious moves imaginable. It will INCREASE air pollution in a city that frequently ranks AT THE TOP IN THE WORLD for poor air quality. This is INSANE. Moreover, the irreparable harm it would bring to the beauty of our canyons and to the wildlife is breath-taking. I do not live in the canyons, but am horrified by the possibility of this scheme and by the wanton greed and short-sightedness of the landowners in seeking this deal. No, private landowners do NOT have the right to destroy the wilderness and lives of countless others. This is shameful. Please do your duty for the benefit of all of us in this valley and for the animals who depend on these vanishing corridors for their very survival.

Sincerely,
Dr. Lisa D. Urness





2/15/2022

Salt Lake County Planning Commission
2001 South State Street, N1100
Salt Lake City 84190

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to express our support for your action on the “proposed amendment of the Salt Lake County Code amending section 19.12.030 of the Salt Lake County Code to eliminate mineral extraction and processing as a conditional use and explicitly prohibiting the same and other related uses in the forestry and recreation zones; amending section 19.72.190 to eliminate mineral extraction and processing as a use for which waivers can be granted; amending section 19.76.030 regarding classification of permitted and conditional uses not listed in title 19; and enacting related regulations.”

The Wasatch Mountain Club is over a hundred years old and our members have been hiking in this area for decades. The WMC has over 1200 members and our purpose has been to recreate in, and help preserve the Wasatch Mountains. The Wasatch Mountain Club opposes the proposed Tree Farm LLC mine in Parleys Canyon.

Recent events, including this proposed mine just outside the Forest Service boundary, show how at risk this area is. This mining operation will have a dramatic and deleterious effect on the aesthetics and character of this canyon and these ridges.

This mine would be adjacent to the proposed Grandeur Peak – Mt Aire Wilderness Area. A mine here would negatively impact the people recreating there. The mine would visually impact and distract from the scenic quality. The noise and dust from the mine would be repulsive and unhealthy.

Salt Lake County’s Foothills And Canyons Overlay Zone ordinance requires the county to “Preserve the visual and aesthetic qualities of the foothills and canyons”. This mine would certainly spoil the visual and aesthetic qualities of the foothills and canyons

There are other significant risks to the surrounding area too. Air quality is already atrocious in this area. With what we have witnessed from the existing mine in Parleys, dust will continue to be an issue. Even with reduced hours during high wind and watering the mine, dust continues to be a problem for local residents. Pollution including noise, light, and diesel fumes will also result from the increased truck traffic.

Now, and in the future, water is one of our area’s primary concerns. This proposed mining operation is located within Parleys Canyon which is a protected watershed per Salt Lake City Public Utilities. Our valley relies on this water. There are other places for this type of mine, there is no more water.

Sincerely,

Dennis Goreham
Conservation Director
Wasatch Mountain Club

*The Wasatch Mountain Club is an outdoor recreation club for adults
dedicated to fostering awareness of the scenic beauties of the Wasatch
and encouraging preservation of our natural areas*