



**CENTRAL
WASATCH
COMMISSION**

Central Wasatch Commission
Salt Lake City Council
Presentation
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An aerial photograph of a rugged mountain slope. The mountain is covered in patches of snow and numerous evergreen trees. The terrain is steep and rocky, with snow filling the valleys and clinging to the slopes. The sky is overcast and hazy.

The Central Wasatch Commission

A unique effort – no other organization like the CWC exists elsewhere

Local governments and elected officials operating by consensus to address longstanding issues and aspirations for the Central Wasatch Mountains.

Convenes

Conflict resolution

Achieve cooperation

Assist State



Member Jurisdictions

A photograph of a person standing on a rocky mountain peak with patches of snow. The person is wearing a red hat and a dark jacket. The mountain is composed of large, reddish-brown rock formations. A winding road is visible at the bottom of the image. The sky is clear and blue.

Member Jurisdiction Benefits

Consensus approach to land and watershed protection and decision making

Consensus-based transportation approach

Short-Term improvements in the mountains

The Visitor-Use Study

The Environmental Dashboard

Regional stakeholder involvement

Ski Resorts and Economic Interests

Amber Broadway – Solitude Mountain Resort and Deer Valley

Mike Doyle -- Brighton Resort

Dave Fields – Snowbird

Nathan Rafferty – Ski Utah

Morgan Mingle – Park City Chamber of Commerce

Ed Marshall – Log Haven Restaurant

Conservation Interests

Grace Tyler – Save Our Canyons

Pat Shea -- Friends of Alta

Megan Nelson – The Nature Conservancy

Joanna Wheelton – Cottonwood Canyons Foundation

Caitlin Curry – Wasatch Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

Cultural & Educational Interests

Stuart Derman – Wasatch Mountain Arts

Maura Hahnenberger – Salt Lake Community College

Hilary Lambert – Wasatch Mountain Institute

Transit & Transportation Interests

Roger Borgenicht – Utahns for Better Transportation

Danny Richardson -- Salt Lake City resident

Community Councils and Homeowner Associations

Kurt Hegmann – Mill D Cabin Owners Association

Barbara Cameron – Big Cottonwood Community Council, Brighton Resident

Del Draper – Cecret Lake Cabin Owners Association

Kirk Nichols – Evergreen HOA, Professor of Outdoor Recreation, University of Utah

Private Citizens

Michael Marker – Little Cottonwood Canyon Resident

Kelly Boardman – Salt Lake City resident

Dan Zalles – Sandy City resident

Adam Lenkowski – Cottonwood Heights resident

Linda Johnson – Salt Lake City resident

Recreation Interests

Ian Hartley – Mountain Trails

Serena Yau – Salt Lake Climbers Alliance

John Knoblock – Mt Olympus Community Council, Trails Utah

Sarah Bennett – Trails Utah

Tom Diegel – Wasatch Backcountry Alliance

Dennis Goreham – Wasatch Mountain Club

Bri Sullivan – Women of the Wasatch

CWC Stakeholders

Youth Council

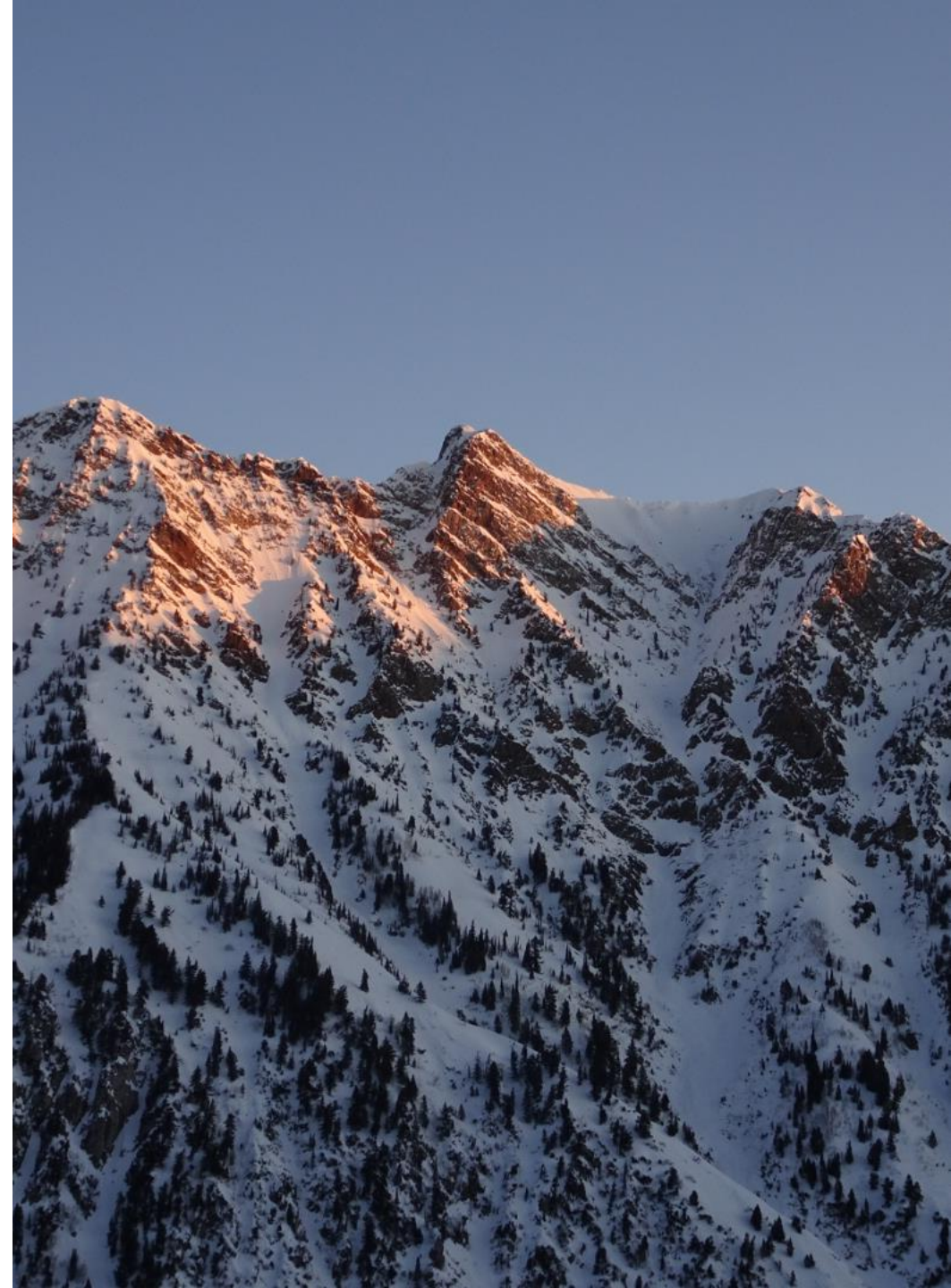
Newly created, for 16–30-year-olds

An educational forum

A platform for young people to engage directly with the Central Wasatch Commission on issues that affect them as residents of Utah and as users and stewards of the Central Wasatch.

Three committees –

- Diversity in the Outdoors
- Environmental Dashboard Education
- Events and Outreach



2023 Short-Term Projects

SUPPORT FOR A TRI-CANYON TRAIL DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND INVASIVE WEED CONTROL PROJECT

SUPPORT FOR A COTTONWOOD CANYON BACKCOUNTRY SKI SHUTTLE PROGRAM

MAINTENANCE OF UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE BATHROOMS AT TRAILHEADS LOCATED IN THE TRI-CANYONS

SUPPORT OF THE BONANZA FLAT TRAILHEAD TRANSIT PROGRAM, OR TRANSIT TO TRAILS SHUTTLE PROGRAM

SUPPORT FOR THE FRIENDS OF ALTA EDUCATIONAL JUNIOR RANGER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

SUPPORT FOR THE SAVE OUR CANYONS WASATCH WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP AND EDUCATION PROJECT

SUPPORT OF RECYCLE UTAH'S DUMPSTER DAYS EVENTS, WHICH HELP DIVERT TOXIC MATERIALS FROM WATERWAYS

MAINTENANCE OF AGING FIXED ROCK ANCHOR HARDWARE ON CLIMBING ROUTES ACROSS THE CENTRAL WASATCH

CWC-led transit and transportation projects

Big Cottonwood Canyon Mobility Action Plan

The Plan makes recommendations specific to infrastructure and transit in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Recommendation highlights include the following:

- Implement a supplementary shuttle in Big Cottonwood Canyon
- Enhanced bus service with a dedicated transit lane with resort mobility hubs
- Tolling, restrictions to canyon on-road parking, and incentivizing bus options
- Year-round bus service featuring canyon trailhead stops

Ski Bus-Bypass Program

The CWC has collaborated with Sandy City and UTA since 2021 to provide an escort for the UTA ski bus, starting from the UTA Park N' Ride lot on 9400 South to the base of Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Bonanza Falt Transit to Trails Shuttle Program

The Transit to Trails program is a shuttle service from Park City to some of the highest use trailheads in the Wasatch Back. This shuttle provides a direct public transit option from the Park City Old Town area to the following trailheads along SR-224 and Guardsman Pass Road: Mid-Mountain Trailhead, Bonanza Flat Trailhead, and Bloods Lake Trailhead.



WELCOME TO THE CWC ENVIRONMENTAL DASHBOARD

The Environmental Dashboard is a tool for the public, land managers, policy makers and technical users. Explore the five main elements (air quality and climate, geology and soils, vegetation communities, water, and wildlife) to learn about the historic and current environmental conditions of the Central Wasatch.



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