INTRODUCTION
As part of the community outreach process for the Wasatch Canyons General Plan Update, Salt Lake County hosted several public events throughout October and November.

Between formal open houses and interactive booths at community events, approximately 300 people were able to participate, including residents, employees, business owners, community leaders, youth, and other stakeholders. The visioning events were noticed on the project web-page, social media pages, project email lists, and by community groups.

In addition to the in-person events, an opportunity to participate online was provided in the form of a survey. The online survey contained the same questions and information from the in-person events.

Note: This document only summarizes in-person outreach.

OBJECTIVE
The purpose of the visioning outreach was to give interested members of the public an opportunity to provide input on preliminary vision statements and corresponding opportunities for the Wasatch Canyons.

FORMAT
Large meeting rooms inside libraries, schools, and community centers were used for the open house’s where ten poster boards with information about the five vision statements (land use, environment, recreation, economy, and transportation) were presented. Each board included a draft vision statement with space to rank the statement on a scale of one to five, with a one being “strongly disagree” and a five being “strongly agree.”

Additional presentation boards included a “Where are you from?” map where participants were asked to place a pin where they lived, as well as “What we've been hearing” boards with a summary of public input gathered so far in the planning effort.

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Special thank you to all those who took time to participate in these meetings.
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Snowbird Ski Resort
Oktoberfest
October 14, 2017

Booth
Salt Lake City
Downtown Farmers Market
August 26 and October 21, 2017

Booth
Mill Creek Canyon
September 9, 2017

Public Kickoff
Open House
Whittmore Library
September 27th, 2017

Booth
Tour of Utah
Brighton Resort
August 2, 2017

VISIONING EVENTS
The process provided an opportunity for the community and visitors to voice their values, describe pressing needs, and prioritize opportunities. A range of events were held to engage all types of respondents: kids, teenagers, families, locals, and visitors were given an opportunity to participate.
WHO DID WE HEAR FROM?

At each event we asked participants to place a pin on where they live to get a sense of where our participants were coming from. Each red dot represents 1 - 5 people.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

WHERE DID WE GO? THE MAP ABOVE WAS DISPLAYED AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

September 27th, 2017
Whittmore Library
Wasatch Canyons Plan Kickoff Event

October 14th, 2017
Oktoberfest at Snowbird Ski Resort
Wasatch Canyons Visioning Booth

October 18th, 2017
Cottonwood Heights City Hall
Wasatch Canyons Visioning Open House

October 21th, 2017
Salt Lake City Downtown Farmers Market
Wasatch Canyons Visioning Booth

October 28th, 2017
Solitude Ski Resort
Wasatch Canyons Visioning Open House

November 1st, 2017
Wasatch Canyons Visioning Open House
Corner Canyon High School (Draper)

November 9th, 2017
Millcreek Community Center
Wasatch Canyons Visioning Open House
WHAT WE HEARD

The enthusiasm towards community engagement and passion of local residents was evident in the responses received during the community vision process. The following is a summary of residents and visitors shared values. It does not include every value mentioned, but attempts to summarize shared values that were mentioned most frequently.

**Vast Supply of Wild Lands**

The number one response to the question, "What do you love most about the Wasatch Canyons?" was the vast supply of wild, natural lands available for people to explore, experience, and adventure in. Participants have a great pride for the Wasatch Canyons and even revere them as “their backyard.” This kind of affection for the natural landscape of the is ingrained in the culture of Salt Lake County and celebrated as one of the greatest natural assets in the State of Utah.

**Quick and Easy Access to the Canyons**

Access to natural-based amenities and an abundance of recreational opportunities was ranked next on the list of what was loved most about the Wasatch Canyons. Participants love the fact that they can leave their homes and 10 - 30 minutes later be at a trailhead for a hike before dinner. In no other major metropolitan area in the United States do residents have that kind of access to natural assets as vast as the Wasatch Canyons. In most urban areas, people have to drive for hours just to reach natural areas equivalent in size to the Wasatch, taking up whole days or weekends of their time.

**Importance of Canyons and Foothills Preservation**

Next on the list of values is the importance that participants place on preservation of the natural environment. Many who participated in the visioning process desire the Wasatch Canyons to be protected from large-scale future development and preserved to the extent feasible for future generations to love and enjoy. At the same time, many who participated emphasized the benefit of private property uses on the culture and function of the Canyons and support their continuation.

**Diverse Range of Recreational Activities**

The recreational opportunities in the Wasatch are a world-wide draw to the Salt Lake Area. Both active and passive recreation activities are available for visitors to experience, ranging from hiking to skiing, rock climbing to photography, and picnicking to bird watching. The Wasatch Canyons have something for almost everyone and residents know just how lucky they are to have such variety of things to do in the Canyons.
LAND USE VISION STATEMENT:
“Strive for excellent partnerships among jurisdictions and stakeholders through collaboration and coordination to provide for access management, water resource protection, recreation opportunities, wildlife and environment, private property uses, and quality open spaces.”

Do you agree with this statement?

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LAND USE VISION VERBATIM COMMENTS:
- Need to leave canyon as undeveloped as possible. (6)
- Need more/better trail-heads and trails along a system to control parking. Random road side parking along canyon road is a problem and should not be permitted. (1)
- Prevent SLC from seizing buildable lots w/o a town hall meeting. If selling them requires a town hall meeting. Buying parcels should too.
- We badly need more congressionally designed wilderness.
- Public trumps private and best science supported decisions is a priority.
- Designate SLCo as the glue for all stake holders to create better and more frequent collaboration of resources to do this well.
- The more collaboration there is among different kinds of stakeholders, the more powerful the arguments developed will be.
- Canyon residents should have more say over the BCC issues and uses.
- Keep our watershed clean and pure and limit development. Year round public transportation is a must. Also public restrooms- so everyone whole loves the mountains can keep them clean.
- Water rights are very important, but preservation of open space is more important than commercial building. Promote education and consensus among stakeholders. Prioritize natural aspect of the lands. Provide more park and ride options. (bigger lots where possible, parking structures, additional lots along bus routes.) We have a unique setting near the mountains. It needs to be preserved. Promote awareness that a natural open space such as we have, adjacent to a major urban area, is a national and local treasure.
- It seems like there is a lot of conflict with private property owners and recreational users-I don’t know how to fix it.
- Well of course, but just how does one design, develop, and implement the above statement.
- These statements are too broad
- Trails, toilets, and transportation-including money for maintenance
- Work with property owners in canyon and respect the taxes that are poured into SLCO because of them-use the tax money from the canyon inside the canyon to improve trails, parking, and noise pollution.
- Private property owners need to be able to enhance and maintain their property without having to jump through so many expensive redundant loops.
- Key word, partnership. So many entities govern the resources in the canyon. Open collaboration between all the stakeholders with communication back to the canyon residents will prevent the mistrust that has
been instilled in a lot of the long term canyon residents.

• Environmental protection must be the top priority
• I have reservations if recreation opportunities in private property uses are given too much say. The canyons are a critical resource. It should be preserved for future generations.
• Access management= transportation solution? If not include transit option.
• Possibly tap into community resources such as police and ambulance protection.
• Love the idea of collaboration. I do think that property rights in a situation like our canyons need to be balanced and compromised against the greater good.
• Stakeholders often have profits in mind and only profits. Clean water, clean air and wilderness should be top priority.
• Stop building in the canyons and on public lands.
• Implement policies that protect the watershed and preserve the natural characters.
• Make sure that wildlife and nature/environment have a place at the table.
• Private property that hasn't been developed should be taken by eminent domain. Development cant be undone. We must conserve what is left of the natural watershed.
• What does excellent partnerships mean? What do you want to accomplish?
• Continue to build Bonneville shoreline trail. Add mountain bike trails along the East bench as park city has done off Kimball junction.

ENVIRONMENT VISION STATEMENT:
"Serve as stewards to manage the canyons and foothills for healthy forests, connected ecosystem habitats and waterways for current and future generations. Promote programs that improve watersheds, air quality, vegetation and wildlife ecosystems, and scenic quality."

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ENVIRONMENT VISION VERBATIM COMMENTS:
• How is this being implemented/ policed? Is overstepping the boundaries government should have over land owners?
• Find some way to improve air quality in the valley.
• Protect the watershed but increase public trail recreation access.
• More wilderness and open space. Make Mill Creek a watershed.
• Comment in response to above comment: Currently the only canyon where SLC folks can take dogs. This would negatively would impact stake holders.
• No need to develop canyons!
• No more wilderness is needed.
• Need to get cars out of canyon, develop long-term transportation plan.
• Rather than say "promote programs", how about "promote systems"?
• No ski resort expansion, no more residential development.
• Protection of watershed and preservation of natural character should be the key driving force for future planning.
• Install bathrooms at trailheads. Promote the use wag bags.
• Bigger signs at the bottom of the canyon saying no dogs allowed. Also better enforcement and penalties.
• Promote awareness that this natural area, close to a major urban area is a national treasure.
• Consider an automated toll booth so drivers could pay electronically and load trips on a card. Consider a small high speed train-it would promote ridership in the summer which would help pay for it.
• Watershed is priority to all. What the point of regulating dogs but then not providing toilets?
• garbage everywhere-due to overuse and irresponsibility. More garbage cans may help? Littering fines and
signs? Protecting my backyard.
• Like DNR did for wildlife
• Protect wildlife- especially in cardiff area. Bathrooms need to protect watershed.
• Watershed protection is (should be) the highest use.
• Do not allow big development in the canyon. Keep it for Utah residents.
• This would work better if all were held to the same standards! Corporate entities can get permitting much faster with more money, than the rest of us up here.
• A balance must be found to protect rights of private property owners within the canyons as the population of the valley continues to grow placing pressure on potable water needs.
• It is our responsibility to make sure this wonderful place is preserved for the next generations.
• The environment issue is a direct result of solving transportation and infrastructure issues.
• We need to enforce watershed rules more strongly. People have no idea dogs are not allowed and there are very few signs posted.
• Crowd engagement and dog management. Maybe a toll booth is necessary.
• Wilderness and open space MUST PREVAIL. With better trails and trail heads (including parking)
• Possibly add something about public education and or appreciation of environment and associated issues. It’s indirect (less core to purpose), but critical to make good stewardship happen!
• Top priority must be to watershed, air quality, and wildlife protection.
• Keep forests healthy! Stop building on public lands and reduce driving on bad air days. Stop idling.
• The ecosystems are stressed as it is. Please build wildlife road crossings like in Alberta, Canada.
• Consider more animal (dog) restrictions and more patrol for owners not following leash and poop removal rules.
• We need to maintain opportunities for dog owners while maximizing watershed opportunities.

TRANSPORTATION VISION STATEMENT:
"Implement transportation projects and opportunities for bicycles, transit and vehicles to reduce congestion, improve air quality, facilitate access, increase occupancy and enhance public safety."

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TRANSPORTATION VISION VERBATIM COMMENTS:
• I do think that access could be improved in our canyons. Roads are often too narrow to fit cars and cyclists and runners. My only fear with increased access is that people would drive faster in the canyons and cause more accidents.
• Use of personal transportation is necessary also.
• Buses to Grandeur West, Neff's Canyon, Mt. Olympus etc.
• Natural Gas buses! (Ski season)
• Electric buses-charge for parking except for electric cars, possibly hybrids.
• Charge a fee for cars to enter the canyons. This will encourage use of buses and car pooling. Make hitch hiking legal!
• Need better trail heads, trail connections and increased canyon patrols to prevent parking randomly along canyon roads.
• DARK SKIES!
• Need to locate more parking near the canyon mouths from which to use transit up the canyons.
• The trail system in Courchevel, France and Zermat, Switzerland up/down/between canyons should be studied as a model.
• No need to clog canyons with parking.
• Subsidize ski area ticket of you take transit.
• Signage to prevent cars from parking on the bike lane/road shoulder.
• Better van pool system-Uber style?
• Charge for parking or create canyon access for pass or give people discounts on parking if they shop/eat at Mill Creek businesses.
• Need long term plan for transportation including rail to get cars out of canyons. (Think Switzerland)
• Implement a shuttle bus system for BCC, LCC, and MCC. Provide bus services to trailheads along Wasatch Front-Mount Olympus, Ferguson, etc.
• Reduce congestion while increasing accessibility.
• Park and ride at base and access points in the valley.
• Expand the park and ride lots we already have.
• Use carpool parking lots on weekends.
• Ski areas should charge for parking w/tax to pay for more year-round transit.
• Separate bike trail-keep bikers off the road.
• Treat the canyons like a national park. Charge fees for entrance, waive fees for carpools, transit, cyclists, and people of lower income.
• Light rail all the way
• Lift access from the base
• Add bike lanes
• Tolls at base of canyon.
• Increase buses in winter
• Gondola
• Tollbooth
• Build high rise parking at the mouth of the canyons
• More slow lanes in each canyons
• More bike trails in each canyon and link them together
• Year round canyon buses-keep it simple
• Consider multi-level parking at the mouths of Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons.
• Summertime access to transportation is very limited in LCC and BCC, none in Mill Creek. Summer hiking transportation would be excellent- reduce congestion and emissions.
• More public transportation- not rail
• A focus on buses that can use the existing roads. Include bus stops at popular trail heads.
• A base facility with an aerial transportation system (high volume detachable gondolas)
• Enforce illegal parking-especially at Brighton loop. Provide public transportation and charge cars in the canyon.
• More buses, encourage car-pooling, toll booth, parking fees.
• Should charge a fee at base of canyon as other national parks do, giving resident passes to those of us that reside up the canyon.
• Some type of user fee must be implemented to curtail single occupancy vehicles, promote other responsible transport types and to offset costs of maintenance for services provided.
• Being so close to a major urban area is critical.
• Yes. I think we get hung up on one mode of transportation and don’t recognize the need for multiple ways for people to get up the individual canyons. There is no one answer for all canyons.
• If environmental protection is the top priority
• More parking lots at the bottom. More frequent buses. Charge a fee during peak times in the summer, make a yearly pass available . Ski areas to offer incentives for car pools.
• Charge for access into canyons. Use money to enhance he canyon experience! Lessen human impact. Discounts for carpool or waiver.
• Maintain accessibility for all income groups...free or low costs bus + toll.
• Mass transit improvements. Shuttle?
• Just year-round bus transportation could work.
• More uphill slow lanes in both BCC and LCC’s. More slower traffic use flashers signs would also be good, include the hills up from I-215 also
• Statement needs to give some not to constraints on increasing access and occupancy; this impacts the environment, of course, and so more is not necessarily better. (i.e. while safeguarding environment or within constraints.)
• Toll booths at the bases of canyons. Treat canyons like a national park. Offer yearly passes etc.
• Charge a fee for cars entering the canyons. This will result in motivating people to carpool, use the buses, etc. It will help the parking issues.
• Charge a canyon fee or a parking fee in canyons
• Dedicated bike lanes up all east bench canyons. Millcreek and Cottonwood Canyons especially need bike lanes.
• Reduce idling.
• Include trains...look at what is done in Europe in the Alps. We don’t need so many cars up the canyon. What if no cars were allowed to anyone or vehicles only for land owners.

ECONOMY VISION STATEMENT:
“Recognize and responsibly promote the Wasatch Canyons as a unique world class recreation destination, to provide an immense economic impact to the region. Within the Canyons enable businesses to continue providing services and goods without compromising the environment.”

Do you agree with this statement?

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ECONOMY VISION VERBATIM COMMENTS:
• I question the promotion of the canyons by a public body.
• Environmental protection is key.
• Economic gain from canyons must be subordinate to environmental protection.
• The canyons are habitat and watershed first, not an economic commodity.
• Prioritize cottonwood canyons over others.
• Support the Central Wasatch Commission.
• Preserving the quality of wilderness is more important than commercial development.
• There is a major sacrifice and burden placed on owners and residents who bare the traffic, noise, light pollution, etc. of the visitors, this is difficult to tolerate when people recreate in our local land but don’t contribute monetarily to protect it. All are welcome but the traffic and occupancy must be regulated. Funds generated in the canyon should be used in the canyon and benefit all users, owners, and the community.
• Provide funding from county wide sources to maintain the canyons.
• Impossible to promote the economy without compromising the environment- but useful to minimize impacts.
• More public transit
• Watershed protection and providing wildlife habitat are critical factors
• Should have concern for the local canyon community.
• I would like to see more hiking and biking trails and see them continue to be well maintained. This includes better/more parking into our canyons.
• Not sure if canyons have enough space to accommodate the world.
• It should not be the job of the USFS to promote commercial enterprises.
• Who would be hired to do the promoting and how would it be paid for?
• Do not believe that the canyons need additional promoting. Need better trails.
• Ski areas need to be confined to current areas-better mass transportation if ski area is to be expanded.
• Mill Creek Canyon at least should be managed more as a wilderness or protected area, not as a world class recreation destination. The other canyons should also be protected to the extent reasonable given their development.
• I am opposed to promoting the Wasatch as a tourism destination. The Wasatch is small it is already too crowded and ecosystems are stressed. The resorts should be prohibited from any expansion.
• Need to have infrastructure for less pollution, easy transportation, between all canyons including Park City.
• Please address access- we are getting squeezed out of the foothills-provide foot and bike access to canyons for many.
• If we’re truly planning into future generations. We have to anticipate climate changes impact. Especially on ski industry. Why would we invest public money promoting privately owned, unpredictable recreation industries?
• The Wasatch is a limited resource, we should not seek to promote it; rather, money and effort should be focused on maintaining and protecting our limited resources.
• Do not ruin the remaining natural areas in the central Wasatch by development. Visitors to Utah come to see mountains, flowers, trees, and not buildings or man-made amusements in our natural areas.
• Limit canyon development to just the ski area/resort base areas. Provide resort lodging to limit canyon traffic.
• People come from around the world to see and experience our backyard. We need to share the experience without destroying the resource.
• Canyon properties should have to report income and disclose sales. They are very secretive and hard to work with.
• The last thing we need to do is promote the Wasatch.
• The ski resorts provide enough promotion of the canyons. I think the usage of the canyon by locals is more that sufficient that promoting the canyons is unnecessary.
• Local focus, not world (already too congested.
• Trickle down economics, the money goes down the canyon and never comes back.
• Canyons are overused already, no more need to promote them.
• The economic benefits far beyond the ski industry! All economic benefits must be considered.
• A tram would bring people in
• Cant promote the canyons until you improve conditions in the canyons.
• Treat it like a national park with fees to get in and official parking areas.
• There's enough commercial opportunities up here in the canyon.
• “immense” economic impact is too strong. Again,- here a balance must be found through a responsible planning commission to assure protection of the natural resources while allowing business expansion.
• Whether you like it or not our canyons are a major economic engine for Utah.
• I don’t see any speed bumps with the county regarding businesses in the canyon providing improved services. I believe there is a great open line of communication between SLCO and the resorts.
• If the Wasatch Canyons are promoted too heavily, everything else may be compromised, sadly. Controlled economic growth that allows for infrastructure to grow with the economy and allow businesses an opportunity to get nested and grow.
• For the most part I feel the ski areas in both canyons are doing a good job. Everyone needs to get together and encourage taking the bus or car pools.
• Key portion of this in my opinion is without "compromising the environment" without this I would give this statement a 1. No expansion of vehicular traffic.
• Allow new businesses
• Business must be allowed to flourish but only in their existing footprints- no ski area expansion. No need to promote, the crowds are already here.
• We're doing that well now. But with no expansion ever.
• Economic development should be a priority in the Salt Lake Valley. Management of our Wasatch mountains should focus on preservation of our wilderness, recreation opportunities, watershed areas, wildlife life preservation, and wildlife educational opportunities. If we do this properly, this will support economic development in the valley.
• A big part of the economic benefit of our Wasatch Canyon’s are the lifestyle and property values we enjoy living nearby. I worry the implicit suggestion in this statement is that we’re only concerned about money made in the canyons directly through recreation. I love the without compromising the environment but worry that it doesn’t happen in practice.
• More promotion= more people= more negative impact.
• Do not sacrifice the beauty of the Wasatch and the quality of watershed for development.
• The Wasatch cant be promoted as a tourist destination and not compromise the environment. The resorts are already crowded.
• Whose responsibility would it be to promote and how does that get paid for? If fees are implemented, I would not want to see it go to PR. I would prefer trail, bathroom, and or parking improvements instead.
• Reduce ski area expansion.
• Some opportunities for revenue but should not be primary focus. Zipline overlook could be nice.
• Keep Utah Wild
• Businesses that encourage and push people out doors should be promoted and encouraged. This includes lodging.

**RECREATION VISION STATEMENT BOARD:**

"Offer a wide range of diverse, high-quality, and year-round recreational experiences that are accessible to all kinds of participants."

Do you agree with this statement?

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**RECREATION VISION VERBATIM COMMENTS:**

• Fees should be considered. Higher impact activities=higher fees.
• You don’t have to offer what is already there. May need to start to limit it.
• Dependable funding sources for construction, maintenance, and enforcement.
• Conserve, conserve, conserve. The Wasatch is too small and so crowded. We need to preserve what is natural and not stress the wildlife any more. No more development!
• Recreation need not include recreational fire making bonfires.
• I worry about your word “diverse”, “high-quality”, “all kinds of participants” Leave undeveloped-best for the canyons! (No roller coasters, trams, bridges, and ski area expansion)
• This sounds like development—high-quality and year-round; nature is high-quality and year-round!
• Support and impose existing infrastructure form value/use based problems to expand existing facilities based on actual use/demand.
• 100% of stakeholders represented this evening have been white. The county’s planning must include diverse stake holders around every measure in order to be accessible to all kinds of participants.
• Natural surface trails are not development
• We need more disperse crowding
• Trail interconnectivity
• More short 2 mi family friendly trails.
• Need to have canyon available to all without cost. Need to protect sensitive areas, i.e. wetlands, crucial habitat. Not allow tax payers to fund private profit again.
• Please consider a green tag program where dogs have to earn off leash privileges by passing a behavior test, and where dog owners can be ticketed for badly behaved dogs and not removing pet waste.
• Need trail system development in Parleys Canyon/Lambs to Big Mountain Pass!!
• The canyons provide all of these recreation experiences by their very nature. I go to the canyons to be close to nature to find quiet. It doesn’t need any enhancement— that only promotes the type of over-use that adding facilities continues to promote. The experience exists in its highest form by its very nature.
• Keep natural recreation.
• The only way to preserve natural areas is to provide recreational areas that are designated for public use. Its short sighted to say “do nothing” and expect the canyons to remain as they are.
• More and better trails.
• Please prioritize non-motorized, human powered recreation.
• Access to all kinds of participants.
• Snowmobiles should be allowed because they ride on top of snow which doesn’t hurt the soil or vegetation.
• Improve trails—encourage hikers to stay on trails and use officially trail-heads.
• Allow more picnic areas during fall and winter.
• Less residential development, open hiking, and camping areas.
• Opportunities in Mill Creek seem underdeveloped especially for winter activities (e.g. snow shoeing, cross country skiing) Also in Mill Creek, water fountains and spikets didn’t work this year—it seems underdeveloped for a large canyon.
• With some limitations
• If transportation issues are addressed and traffic is reduced.
• The priority should be recreational uses that do not adversely impact the watershed or environment.
• The canyons can’t handle more people—they can’t handle what they have now unless you improve transportation gridlocks and illegal parking happening now. You should not encourage more participants.
• All people who visit the canyon need to feel they have a stake in the canyon to preserve it for future generations. The only way people feel responsibility is if they have to sacrifice something such as money to use it.
• It appears to me that corporate abilities to receive permitting is much easier with more impact to our environment, than small private property owners. Apparently if you have enough money you can do whatever you want.
• My concern here is, at what level of use do the canyons become overused at the expense of many things like water, wildlife, forest quality, erosion, etc. Can a daily visitor use limit be developed.
• Everyone should be able to access and enjoy our canyons.
• A wide range of recreation opportunities already exist. This is not the issue. The issues are getting people up the canyon to do those things without creating traffic jams and having enough facilities and infrastructure to support the masses.
• Our canyons are already accessible and there are plenty of year round rec experience.
• I think the board walk at Silver Lake is a great example. I don’t think we need to expand beyond that.
• Preserve a natural environment more ski lifts and zip lines development should not be allowed.
• Prioritize non-motorized activities
• I like the thought, but it seems like it’s saying we expect the canyons to be a lowest-common-denominator type of attraction. They aren’t and shouldn’t be. Maybe clarifying that while there’s something for everyone, most canyon activities won’t be for most people. That’s okay. The canyons are about more than just recreational value.
• No wilderness and commercial exploration. –Skiing, hiking/walking, birdwatching, picnics—what more do you need?
• The Wasatch is already year-round. We do not have to offer anything.
• Leave the canyons alone—no more roller coasters, ski area expansion, or trams.
• Prohibit motorized recreational vehicles.
• Recreation can have an impact on environment too. It should be accessible, but not at the expense of the environment.
• Through fee-based pay to play model that leaves low impact on the wildlife and environment. Consider charging fees in some form. Higher impact activities should charge higher fees.
• More off leash dog opportunities!
• More handicapped trails or playgrounds.

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• Implementing a canyon toll system would limit car travel, pollution, and noise.
• I have a concern for how congested our popular canyon areas have become. A high priority should be given to creating alternatives to our present car-only access in the summer (create a shuttle system).
• The bus service in Little Cottonwood Canyon is very commendable. Please consider adding Express buses to Alta to the correct source
• Education drives informed choice. Keep these types of meetings coming!
• I am very favorably impressed by the format of this open house event. Attendees have the chance to explore the various issues, comment (with anonymity) respond to others comments (both verbally and in written form). The sticker give visual feedback about what the group as a whole thinks, without isolating any particular individual or group.
• That said, I believe that holding similar events, targeting specific groups of stakeholders, might be a good idea (dog owners, hunters, hikers, etc.) It would create an opportunity for targeted education, and create a sense of ownership of outcomes. The greater the involvement among the broadest spectrum of stakeholders, the stronger our arguments will be.
• People won’t use buses unless you charge the cars! No drones in public areas like Silver Lake—very noisy. I can’t see adding parking, trails, public land anything unless you enforce and take care of what you already have. Parking on Brighton loop is not enforced. Buses are unreliable in the winter in BCC. Several times I took it the scheduled bus didn’t show up. At least three times.
• The University of Utah Feasibility Study of this canyon was the best study I have seen. It addressed all the current challenges while wanting to preserve the canyon for future generations.
• Instead of generating and paying for another study, it would be wise for the county to use the study alone by the u of u engineering class. I think you would never find a study that has so much bang for the buck as this has. And this study is formatted in a way to build upon the improvements as more income is generated in the canyon. This study has the ideas that this canyon needs.
• No more wilderness in Cottonwood Canyons. It makes forest maintenance to costly—can’t thin trees (except by hand). Current US Forest would look or sound no different if it’s called wilderness.
• I think addressing the high volume of traffic should be the #1 priority.
• More emphasis on protection and preservation and less emphasis on development.
• I think transportation and parking are the biggest issues. I support a fee implementation on weekends and peak times especially in BCC. It has to be affordable possibly $3.00 like in Mill Creek. People are willing to spend money for fast food, coffee, etc. It’s time to start paying to protect our canyons.
• I also feel we need to educate people regarding trail etiquette and manners. On some of the flower trails families of five will be spread out all over not understanding they should move over for other hikers. Not sure if you can teach manners if they don’t have them with them in the first place. Educate people what a watershed means and do a much better job with systems at the bottom of the canyon.
• The sheer number of people and vehicles into the cottonwood canyons have increased dramatically and will continue to increase. Every effort should be made to lessen the impact on these canyons. I would restrict future growth to current development footprints. Charge tolls at vehicular access points to the canyon to generate funds for canyon improvements. Discourage single occupancy vehicular sightseeing. Develop bike lanes up and down canyons. Develop special traffic lanes during peak traffic days for buses and high occupancy vehicles (3+).
• Increased occupancy/vehicle through toll and free bus.
• Toilets, trash at trailheads—community involvement.
• Increase sanitation facilities, maintain watershed quality, and improve trail network. Provide efficient and easily accessed mass transit—shuttles?
• Curtail motorized activities in the canyons: noise, erosion, air pollution.
• No more ski area expansion—allow base area development.
• To the extent possible, I believe that the more natural and less developed canyons will be the healthiest and most valuable.
• A good and expanded trail system can help protect the environment while allowing more use. Same with better parking and transit options, carpooling motivators, etc. Much beyond these things in the way of development or improvements may cause more problems that they fix!
• In short, most of us are not wanting to reinvent the use of our canyons. We want to preserve our childhood use while doing what we can to accommodate bigger crowds.
• A bike/ walking trail, the length of the canyon.
• Year round public transportation. Tollbooths are needed.
• No increased development. Top priority-clean water. This is our watershed.
• All for reducing environmental impact with balanced solutions.
• Enforce dog leach/poop rules with bigger fines for "naughty" owners
• Creation of safe paths/trails for bikers and runners.
• Promote better trail etiquette for trail users
• Development of additional trails and have bike days and alternate hiker/dog days(no hikers on bike days)
• Better xc ski groom in Millcreek with designated ski and walking areas
• Improve trail from Neff's canyon to Dog Lake and Desolation Trail.
• Improve trail between Grandeur Peak and Mountain Aire and Elbow.
• Not much- my philosophy centers on Jon Mitchell, "You don't know what you've got till its pave paradise, put in a parking lot. Minimal efforts here are best.
• I think having additional parking is something the trailheads could benefit from; however, this comes at the cost of cutting into the wilderness. I think bike lanes up the canyons would be awesome and used by many.
• I don't think we need to keep expanding ski resorts. They bring in already an enormous amount of money. People will keep cutting into the mountain. People don't come for buildings they come for the mountains!
• Restriction of new development—we need to keep what we have- no new development on ski areas.
• Restrict all cars in a ten year phase out plan
• Transportation is the most difficult issue to resolve.
• No more development. More protection for wildlife.
• Regulations! Getting approval and consensus from so many government organizations is impossible. I went SLC Corp Public Utilities, who told me to go to SLCO Planning and Engineering, who to me to go to SL Health Department, who told me to go back to SLC Public Utilities who told me to go back to SLCO Planning all in one day. This has happened to me 3 times and is not a productive use of time or tax dollars. There needs to be a reasonable path to build homes for personal use in the Wasatch.
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• A high-ranking NFS officer walked us up Millcreek Road and demonstrated that the gravel clogging the creek comes from the County road crews and how they dump gravel on the side of the road to fill potholes. The rains washed the gravel away and form gullies flowing into the creek. Then more gravel is deposited. So a requirement that private owners create bioswales for their parking lots will be very insignificant to and costly, and ineffective for the creeks if the County makes no improvements. The solution is for the Co. to provide berms alongside the roads and periodic spillways into the creeks or into public bioswales.
To summarize what we have heard so far in the process, two presentation boards were displayed listing the top ten responses for what is most loved and what should be improved within the Wasatch Canyons. Participants were then invited to place stickers by what they agreed with or add their statements to the list. The following is a summary of how many stickers were placed next to each statement and what statements were added to the presentation boards.

### Top 10 responses: What do you love most about the Wasatch?

- Wild and Open Space: 24
- Air and Water Quality: 11
- Backcountry Skiing: 13
- Land Preservation: 12
- Hiking Trails: 10
- Sense of Solitude: 8
- Scenery and Views: 6
- Trails and Trail-heads: 5
- Skiing and Snowboarding: 5
- Access and Proximity: 4
  - *Wildlife Habitat and protection: 3
  - *Climbing Areas: 1

### Top 10 responses: What would you like to improve about the Wasatch?

- Wildlife Protection: 22
- Transit (Frequency, stops, etc.): 20
- Less Residential Development: 19
- Watershed Protection: 17
- Environmental Management: 11
- Improved Trails and Trail-heads: 10
- Transportation Infrastructure: 7
  - *Noise Control: 6
- Walkability and Bikeability: 5
  - *Streamlining FCOZ Process: 5
- Recreational Management: 4
  - *Wilderness: 3
  - *Public Bathrooms: 2
- Recreation Amenities: 1

* Indicates an option written on the board by participants.