

Recreation System Group Meeting #7 Summary September 24, 2014

Presentations/Discussions

- **Forest Plan and Wilderness (Steve Scheid and Sharon Siem, USFS)**
 - 4 Management Prescriptions in Study Area: Wilderness, Special Management Areas, Watershed Emphasis, Multiple Resource Use with Recreation Needs
 - The forest plan contains management prescriptions relevant to Mountain Accord including no expansion of ski boundaries; parking maintained at year 2000 levels; large portions of non-wilderness lands managed for watershed protection as Inventoried Roadless Areas and special management areas.
 - Forest Plan will likely need to be amended to accommodate actions being contemplated by Mountain Accord.
 - Wilderness is a restrictive management prescription. USFS did not recommend additional wilderness at last forest plan update.
- **Land Preservation Subcommittee—Private Land Strategies (Andy Beerman, Heinrich Deters, Will Pratt)**
 - Executive board working on a comprehensive strategy to meet the goals of the system groups.
 - Executive board will use an advisory board approach to strategize and meet/facilitate with land owners. All transactions will be on a willing buyer/willing seller basis.
 - Public meeting October 13, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Salt Lake Government complex.
- **Ski Utah One Wasatch Presentation**
 - Nathan Rafferty presented an overview of the One Wasatch concept.

Idealized System Review and Discussion

The objective of the Recreation group is to provide a range of accessible, high quality recreation opportunities. The group discussed topics including:

- Show existing major trails to illustrate the connection to planned/proposed trails. Define intended users of trails (non-motorized) in final document.
- Connecting Wasatch Front with Wasatch Back via transportation in Little Cottonwood Canyon is a point of disagreement within the group. Issues to consider include canyon character and safety.
- Should the group consider dispersing use to other areas outside of the study area?

Action Items

- Schedule interim Recreation system group meeting
- Email update of items not covered in meeting agenda