

ENVIRONMENT SYSTEM GROUP POLLING QUESTIONS

OVERALL ENVIRONMENT SYSTEM

1. I support advancing the Idealized Environment System to the Executive Board for consideration in the analysis of combined scenarios, with the understanding that there are still some unresolved topics without consensus (federal land protection mechanisms).

FEDERAL LANDS PROTECTION MECHANISMS

The Environment System Group has proposed that USFS lands that are eligible for federal Wilderness designation be considered for additional protection beyond current Forest Plan coverage. The following statements are intended to identify the level of support for various types of protective measures on those lands.

The following statements have 5 response options: (1) strongly agree, (2) agree, (3) undecided/neutral, (4) disagree, and (5) strongly disagree:

1. The existing Forest Plan provides the protection needed for these lands to meet the Environment System goals
2. To meet the Environment System goals, it is necessary to provide Wilderness designation to all lands that are eligible for wilderness.
3. A legislative or presidential designation (such as Wilderness or Special Management Area) is needed for these lands to meet the Environment System goals
4. A blend of different levels of federal protection (Forest Plan, Wilderness and Special Management Area) on those lands is needed to achieve the Environment System goals

Following the polling on these questions, you will have the opportunity to briefly summarize how your choice, compared to the other options, would best advance the Environment System goals (up to one minute per person).

CONSISTENCY OF OTHER SYSTEM GROUP ACTIONS

The following statements refer to actions being considered by the other system groups. You will be asked to indicate your level of agreement with each statement – i.e., the consistency/inconsistency of those actions with the Environment System vision and goals. The following statements have 5 response options: (1) strongly agree, (2) agree, (3) undecided/neutral, (4) disagree, and (5) strongly disagree.

Following the polling on each group of questions, you will have a chance to briefly summarize the following:

- For those who agree or strongly agree, are there conditions that need to be attached to the proposed action to achieve that level of agreement; and,
- For those who disagree or strongly disagree, what are the threats to the Environment goals?

POTENTIAL TRANSPORTATION ACTIONS

1. Providing a bus or rail line up LCC and BCC (without connections between the canyons or across to Park City) could be consistent with the long term Environment System vision and goals.
2. Connecting the valley, LCC, BCC and Park City area with a rail line or buses using tunnels, could be consistent with...
3. Connecting LCC, BCC and Park City area with an aerial gondola could be consistent with...
4. Connecting the valley and Park City with a rail line or buses via Parley's Canyon and SR 224 could be consistent with...
5. Opening Guardsman Pass to year round automobile access could be consistent with...

OTHER POTENTIAL ACTIONS

1. Adding ski lift (s) to connect Park City Mountain Resort and Brighton (as proposed by One Wasatch) could be consistent with the Environment system vision and goals.
2. Adding ski lift(s) to connect Solitude and Alta over Twin Lakes Pass (as proposed by One Wasatch) could be consistent with...
3. Adding base area development at Alta and Brighton, within the existing disturbed area and within existing water restrictions, could be consistent with...
4. Adding ski lift(s) to expand the existing skiable area in LCC and/or BCC (separate from One Wasatch) could be consistent with...
5. Completing key non-motorized urban and mountain trail connections to provide a more robust trail network could be consistent with...
6. Designing and managing branded recreation areas to attract high levels of use by supporting many activities and user groups could be consistent with...
7. Providing year round public transit service to connect users with recreation destinations could be consistent with...
8. Designing and managing key recreation areas for increased use while maintaining existing character and recreation opportunities could be consistent with...
9. Any one proposed action could be consistent with the Environment system vision and goals; however, the cumulative impact from multiple proposed actions must be considered.

ENVIRONMENT SYSTEM VISION AND GOALS

VISION

The Central Wasatch is a natural ecosystem that is conserved, protected, and restored such that it is healthy, functional and resilient for current and future generations.

GOALS

- Protect, maintain and improve watershed health, water supply, and water quality.
- Protect and improve air quality for protection of public health, environmental health, and scenic visibility.
- Protect and restore functioning and connected aquatic and terrestrial habitats and ecosystems.
- Preserve additional lands to avoid loss of critical conservation values, and restore existing degraded lands.
- Mitigate the severity of climate change and develop adaptive capacity to reduce vulnerabilities to local climate change impacts.
- Develop legal, regulatory, financial and integrated governance structures that provide long-term and sustainable support for achieving the environment system goals.