



CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION

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A scenic landscape photograph of the Central Wasatch Mountains. In the foreground, several tall, slender stems of pink wildflowers (likely Penstemon) are in focus, with some buds and open blossoms. The background shows a vast, green mountain slope dotted with patches of yellow wildflowers and clusters of dark evergreen trees. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

*"If we lose the Central Wasatch Mountains,
what are we left with?"*

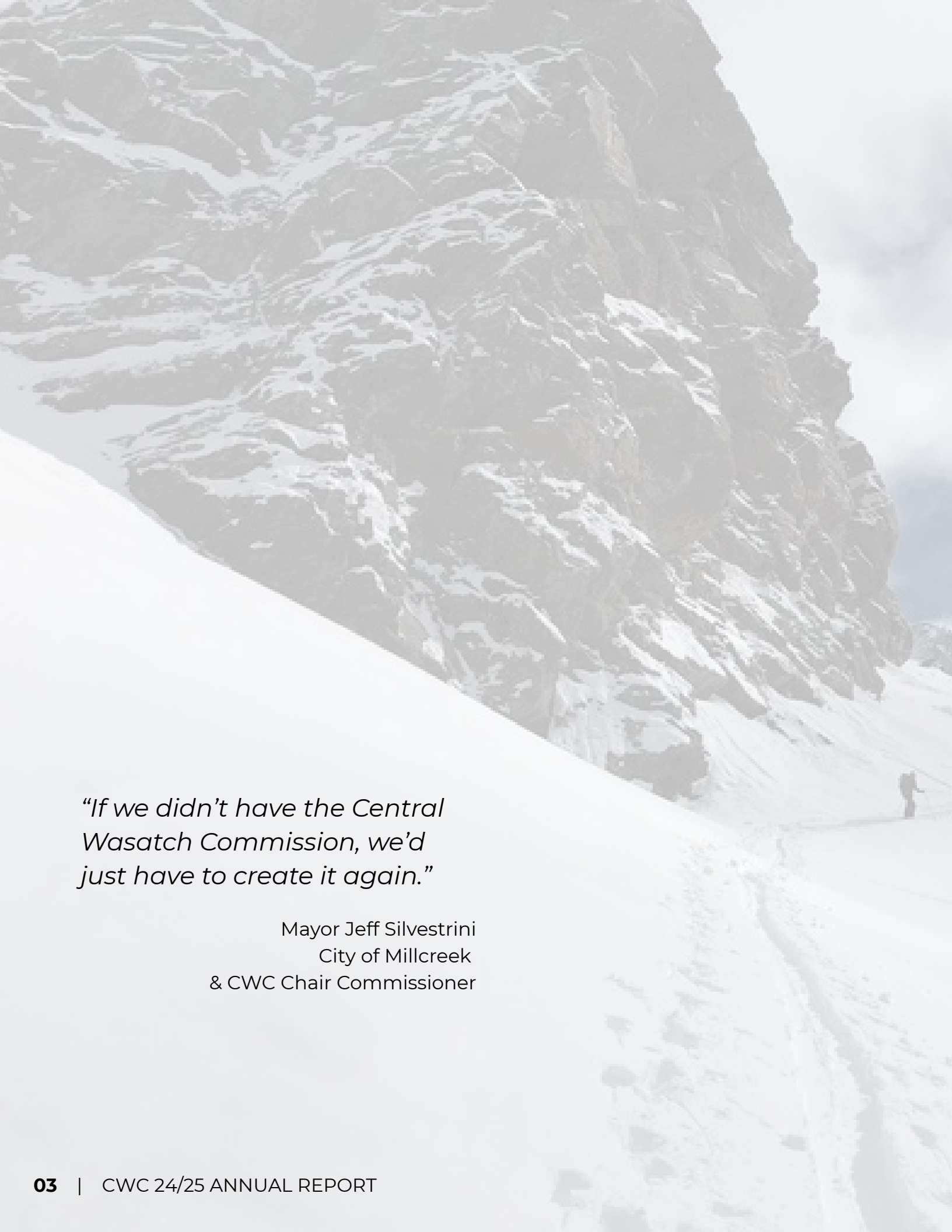
-Terry Tempest Williams

Keynote speaker at 2025
Inaugural Central Wasatch
Symposium



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*"If we didn't have the Central
Wasatch Commission, we'd
just have to create it again."*

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini
City of Millcreek
& CWC Chair Commissioner

Dear Central Wasatch Community,

I wasn't here during the Mountain Accord years. I was away pursuing my education while, back home, something truly remarkable was unfolding in the Central Wasatch. The signing of the Mountain Accord Charter marked the culmination of years of hard-fought negotiations among stakeholders who, as I've been told, could barely sit in the same room together before the process began. And yet, in 2015, they came together to sign a consensus document—an unprecedented agreement that charted a shared vision for the future of these mountains.

If you and I have ever had the chance to have a conversation, you've probably heard me call the Mountain Accord process a "work of art." It really was. Imagine: groups that had been in opposition for decades aligning on a comprehensive, collaborative framework to guide action on transportation, environmental protection, development, and recreation in the Central Wasatch. No one was doing anything like it then—and, frankly, no one is doing anything like it now—except for the Central Wasatch Commission.

This year, the CWC continued Mountain Accord's legacy of building spaces for meaningful community engagement and the exchange of ideas. We did this with our Board of Commissioners, Stakeholders Council, and Youth Council, as well as by way of platforms like the *In the Wasatch* podcast and the inaugural Central Wasatch Symposium, which drew over 200 attendees in its first year.

On-the-ground progress also continued with the sixth round of the Short-Term Projects Grant, the sixth year of partnership among Sandy City, UTA, and UDOT to provide the Ski Bus Priority Access Program, and ongoing enhancements to the Central Wasatch Dashboard.

Important work still lies ahead. Many action items outlined in the Mountain Accord Charter are in-progress—including launching a shuttle program in Millcreek Canyon and advancing our cornerstone effort: the Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act (CWNCRA). Others are yet to begin, such as evaluating transportation alternatives for the Parleys Canyon corridor.

The path forward in the Central Wasatch is both exciting and complex. As Utah prepares to host the 2034 Olympics and with transportation issues still unfolding, the need for thoughtful, coordinated land use and mobility solutions—first envisioned during the Mountain Accord process—has never been more necessary. The Central Wasatch Commission will continue to address these issues with creativity and integrity.

I've been lucky to live in some spectacular places—the UK, Massachusetts, Colorado, even Finland—but none as spectacular as Utah. It's an honor to help steward the landscape that has shaped me, and I'm deeply grateful to you, too, for being part of this important work.

Onward –

Lindsey Nielsen

LINDSEY NIELSEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION

STAFF

The Central Wasatch Commission hired two new employees during spring 2025: Ben Kilbourne as Communications Director and Emory Schwieger as Research Intern for summer 2025. Ben will be taking over Mia McNeil's responsibilities as Community Engagement Coordinator, as she moves onto new adventures.

LINDSEY NIELSEN



Executive Director

SAMANTHA KILPACK



Director of
Operations

MIA MCNEIL



Community Engagement
Coordinator



BEN KILBOURNE



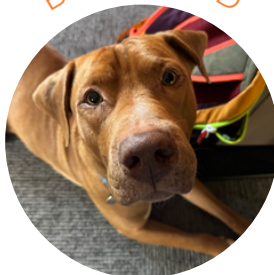
Communications
Director

EMORY SCHWIEGER



Research
Intern

BIRCHWOOD



Office Dog

THE COMMISSION

The Central Wasatch Commission's Board of Commissioners consists of mayors and council members within the CWC's jurisdictional boundary. Special Advisors representing the Economy and Environment/Recreation Systems were added to the Board.

MAYOR JEFF SILVESTRINI



City of Millcreek
Commission Chair

MAYOR ERIN MENDENHALL



Salt Lake City
Commission Co-Chair

CHRISTOPHER F. ROBINSON



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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Park City
Commissioner

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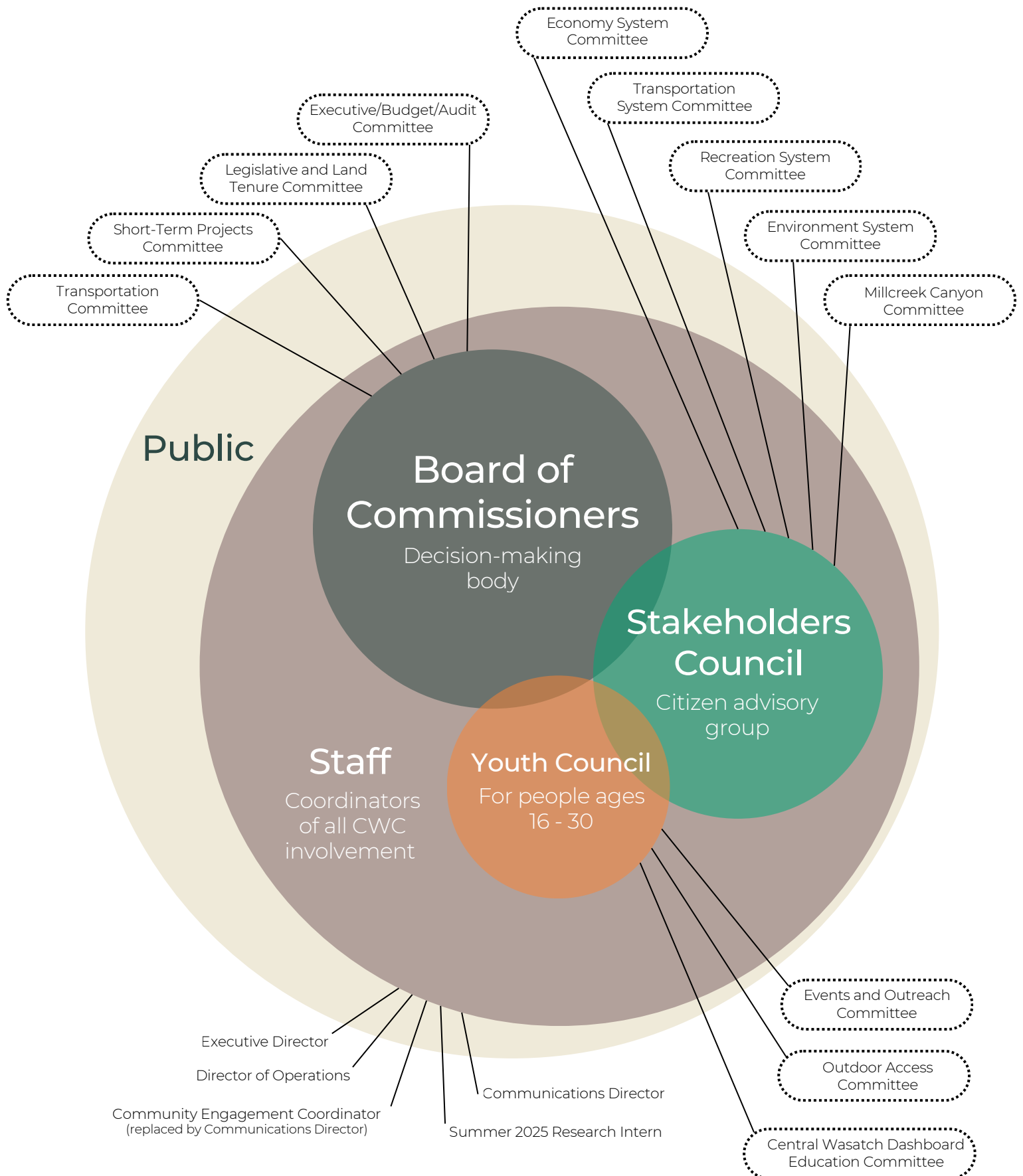
SPENCER SHAVER



Save Our Canyons
Environment & Recreation
Special Advisor



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARY & OUR MEMBERS



Central Wasatch Commission Jurisdictional Boundary

STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL

The Board of Commissioners is the decision-making body of the CWC, but there is perhaps no group as passionate about the Central Wasatch as our Stakeholders Council. This volunteer group of 35 citizens and representatives of community interests and organizations throughout the Central Wasatch dedicates their time and energy to conducting research and fact-finding, discussing and formulating solutions to problems, learning from one another, and doing on-the-ground work to protect and steward the mountains they cherish. They are an advisory group to the CWC Board and have successfully lobbied for the CWC to undertake significant projects, including a 3-year Visitor Use Study in the Central Wasatch.

THERE ARE FIVE COMMITTEES

- Economy System Committee
- Environment System Committee
- Recreation System Committee
- Transportation System Committee
- Millcreek Canyon Committee



Stakeholders Council Chair



Stakeholders Council Co-Chair

"While the Commission itself is mostly made up of local mayors who are proven strong leaders, they have a lot on their plates managing their own cities, and it's the Stakeholders Council—with its members of local activist groups, citizens, business interests, and former and current experts in transportation, planning, and natural resources who are able to be more focused on the intricacies of our much-beloved range and, as such, act as key advisors to the commission. As co-chair of the Stakeholders Council while the CWC was chaired by Millcreek Mayor Silvestrini, I saw the Commission itself learn to become more reliant on the Stakeholders Council for direction and the dissemination of information on important issues."

— Tom Diegel, Stakeholders Council Co-Chair

COMMITTEE PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: HISTORICAL HIKES

The Recreation System Committee initially set out to create a pamphlet highlighting short, family-friendly hikes in the Central Wasatch to help disperse hikers from high-use areas into less frequented—yet equally stunning—locales. Based on Committee feedback, the project's focus shifted, and **Barbara Cameron** developed a comprehensive guide that includes trail etiquette and links to approximately 30 hikes with historical significance in the Central Wasatch. She presented it to the Committee, where it was met with enthusiastic praise. After one final round of editing, the guide will be made available as a downloadable PDF. This aesthetically pleasing and easy-to-use guide provides a much-needed public service and sets the stage for more recreation resources—possibly in a future version of the Central Wasatch Dashboard. Staff will also feature the guide in a blog post to leverage SEO to attract hikers searching for historical hikes in the Wasatch Mountains.



SELF-GUIDED FOOTHILL AND URBAN HIKES

Many trails around the Wasatch have historic beginnings. Some may have started as animal trails, logging trails, or mining trails that were widened by pioneers and visitors out of need or curiosity. Here are links to some of the historic trails in and around the Wasatch. Explore and enjoy Utah's remarkable natural and cultural heritage!

Historic Trails

[Big Cottonwood Historical Tour](#)
[Cottonwood Heights Walking Tours](#)
[Dimple Dell Park](#)
[Draper Historic Walking Tour](#)
[Draper City Parks and Trails](#)
[Faint Trails In The Wasatch-Wasatch Mountain Club](#)
[Holladay Historic Tour](#)
[Millcreek History Research Design](#)
[Midvale's 40+ Murals](#)
[Sandy City Historic Walking Tour](#)
[Sandy City Trails](#)
[Take A Tour | Preservation Utah](#)

Mountain Trails

[Self-Guided Wildflower Walk: Alta](#)
[Self-Guided Wildflower Walk: Snowbird](#)
[Self-Guided Wildflower Walk: Solitude](#)
[Self-Guided Wildflower Walk: Brighton](#)
[Wasatch Mountain Club Hiking, Backpacking & Camping](#)
[Wasatch Mountain Club Hike Ratings](#)

Trail Stewardship

[The Story of 5 Trees in the Central Wasatch Mountains](#)
[Ecology in the Canyons: Snow Science-States of Matter](#)
[Silver Lake Plants & Animals](#)
[Invasive Plants of the Wasatch](#)
[Public Weed Mitigation Guide](#)
[Ecology in the Canyons: Birds](#)
[Ecology in the Canyons: Amphibians](#)
[Ecology on the Trail: Biodiversity](#)
[Ecology on the Trail: Adaptation](#)
[Ecology on the Trail: Niche](#)
[Ecology on the Trail: Habitat](#)
[Ecology on the Trail: Ecology](#)
[Winter Birding: Spruces Campground](#)
[Wild Animal Aware Utah](#)

Hiking Books

- Urban Trails Salt Lake, by Ashley Brown
- Hiking The Wasatch, by John Veranth
- 60 Hikes Within 60 Miles, by Greg Witt
- Wasatch Eleveners, by Randy Winters
- Hiking Guide to Geology of the Wasatch by William T. Parry
- Best Easy Day Hikes, SLC, by Greg, Rob, and Dallin Witt



YOUTH COUNCIL

The Central Wasatch Commission Youth Council is an opportunity for young people to participate with the Central Wasatch Commission as it addresses transportation, economic, recreation, and environmental issues in the Central Wasatch Mountains. There are three committees: Events and Outreach, Central Wasatch Dashboard Education, and Outdoor Access.



From left to right: Pete Benda, Karli Anderson, Jillian Perry, Dylanger McKissen

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the CWC's Youth Council are open on a rolling basis!

Application requirements:

- Must be between the ages of 16–30
- Passion for local government and the Central Wasatch Mountains
- Must be able to commit 1-5 hours a month to Youth Council work



Learn More

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

The Events and Outreach Committee received funding in May 2024 from the CWC's Short-Term Projects Grant Program to put on an Outdoor Film Festival. This project brought community members together for a movie night to celebrate recreation in the Central Wasatch by screening local films. Young people were encouraged to submit all types of recreation films including mountain biking, skiing, snowboarding, climbing, parkour, trail running, and more! The event was held at the Front Climbing Club in Salt Lake City and included free food, movie snacks, tables from local organizations, and seven film screenings.



OUTDOOR GEAR SHED

The Outdoor Access Committee received funding in May 2024 from the CWC's Short-Term Projects Grant Program to help stock a Gear Shed on the west side of Salt Lake City. The gear shed is located at [Mobile-Moon Co-op](#), a collective that aids communities & ecosystems through education, empowerment, and botanical stewardship. The Outdoor Access Committee has also partnered with the Gear Fund Collective, a mutual-aid collective that facilitates the redistribution of outdoor gear back into the community. The purpose of supporting and stocking this community gear library is to make outdoor recreation more affordable and accessible to anyone in the valley.

CENTRAL WASATCH

The inaugural Central Wasatch Symposium took place on January 5th and 6th, 2025

Terry Tempest Williams

Keynote speaker

at the Inaugural Central Wasatch Symposium

"The Central Wasatch Symposium will be an opportunity for the public to engage in all the work of the CWC over the course of two days. It will spotlight the interdependence of the four systems of the Central Wasatch while bringing stakeholders and the public together for learning and networking. The Commission is especially pleased to welcome Terry Tempest Williams, a writer and poet with a specific connection to the Central Wasatch Mountains to provide the keynote address during this first annual event."

- Central Wasatch Commission Chair and Mayor of Millcreek, Jeff Silvestrini



- **2 days**
- **200+ attendees**
- **12 volunteers**
- **8 exhibitors**
- **16 presentations**
- **3 panel discussions**
- **Immeasurable connection & dialogue**

SYMPOSIUM



Mayor and City Council Member Panel

Moderator: Matt Dias, Park City

- Bill Ciraco, Park City
- Jeff Silvestrini, City of Millcreek
- Laura Briefer, Salt Lake City
- Monica Zoltanski, Sandy City
- Roger Bourke, Town of Alta
- Dan Knopp, Town of Brighton

Ski Resort General Manager Panel

Moderator: Ian Reddell, Solitude Mountain Resort

- Dave Fields, Snowbird Resort
- Mike Maughan, Alta Ski Area
- Mike Doyle, Brighton Resort
- Amber Broadway, Solitude Mountain Resort

Transportation Panel

Moderator: Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council

- Nichol Bordeaux, Utah Transit Authority (UTA)
- Kim Carson, High Valley Transit (HVT)
- Devin Weder, Utah Department Of Transportation (UDOT)
- Alex Fisher-Willis, Utah Department Of Transportation (UDOT)



Learn more about the Central Wasatch Symposium and stay tuned for next year!



MOUNTAIN ACCORD DELIVERABLES

10 years ago, local elected leaders, transportation officials, general managers of the Cottonwood Canyon ski resorts, private property owners, representatives from the environmental and recreational communities, and others organized to develop **a plan to sustain the Central Wasatch Mountain Range for generations to come**, and to plan for increased visitation and use of the mountains.

Their efforts culminated in the Mountain Accord Charter, which proposed plans to address the four major systems that comprise the Central Wasatch Mountains: **environment, recreation, transportation, and economy**. The goal was to create and build a consensus that would include responsible stewardship of natural resources, preservation of quality recreation experiences, establish an environmentally sustainable transportation system, and contribute to a healthy economy. 2025 marks the 10th anniversary of the Mountain Accord signing!



RECENT MILESTONES

1

The CWC reopened discussions around a new iteration of the Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act (CWNCRA) with key stakeholders. We are revisiting key components of the CWNCRA's original vision that better balance the four systems.

2

A Millcreek Canyon Shuttle Program has been part of the Mountain Accord vision from the beginning, and the CWC commissioned an update to the 2012 feasibility study conducted by Fehr & Peers.

3

The U.S. Forest Service Salt Lake Ranger District completed the Tri-Canyon Trails Master Plan using data from the CWC Stakeholders Council's Visitor Use Study.

Deliverable	How It Implements Mountain Accord	Status	Notes/Details/Context
Central Wasatch National Conservation & Recreation Area Act (CWNCRA)	<i>Protects drinking water & recreation & ensures enjoyment of the Central Wasatch in the face of pressures from a growing population.</i>	● ● ● IN PROGRESS	We are redirecting energies and efforts to revisit key components of the CWNCRA's original vision to better balance the 4 systems.
Transportation improvements for the Cottonwood Canyons	<i>Keeps the systems balance by ensuring people have access to recreation without adversely impacting the other systems.</i>	● ● ● IN PROGRESS	The original plan for BCC/LCC analysis fell through, and the LCC EIS is still under litigation. The BCC Transportation Study was completed in 2021. More to do.
Pilot a shuttle service in Millcreek Canyon	<i>Would help to maintain a quality user experience and preserve the ecosystem through a reduction of car traffic.</i>	● ● ● IN PROGRESS	As of July, 2025, CWC commissioned Fehr & Peers to conduct an update to their 2012 feasibility study for the Millcreek Shuttle. Next steps will soon follow.
Local study for non-auto based BCC to PC connection.	<i>Goal of study would be to find out if there are efficient ways to more evenly distribute transit pressure.</i>	~ NOT YET BEGUN	This non-NEPA analysis could look at carrying capacity for broader PC community. Project not started yet.
Develop a program for the acquisition of private lands with ecological and recreation value	<i>Historically, land acquisition has provided more rec. opportunities and preserved wild spaces, automatically benefitting the other two systems.</i>	~ NOT YET BEGUN	Land acquisition could be written into a future draft of the CWNCRA. We will seek out partners to help with funding.
Develop a Central Wasatch Dashboard to provide accessible and factual information about the Wasatch	<i>The public, land managers & policy makers learn about current & historic conditions in CW: air quality & climate, geology & soils, ecosystems, water, wildlife & the human element.</i>	✓ COMPLETED!	The CWC released the Central Wasatch Dashboard to the public in 2022. As of July 2025, we are in the planning phase of adding more data.
Development of Adaptive Management Plan for Central Wasatch	<i>Plan would address changes in use and environmental conditions as measured by the Central Wasatch Dashboard.</i>	~ NOT YET BEGUN	We have the infrastructure in place and hope to start this soon.
Land exchanges between the U.S. Forest Service and Cottonwood Canyon ski resorts	<i>Maintains the economy system balance. Long term viability of resorts = sustainability of the area. Cleans up patchwork of ownership and streamlines management for all.</i>	● ● ● IN PROGRESS	Exchanges fell apart due to high cost of assessment. Would have given resorts water & land for concentrated development. New iteration of CWNCRA could seek to include exchanges.
Identify long-term funding for programs and systems in the Central Wasatch	<i>The goal is to ensure that the CWC and ultimately the CWNCRA are self-sustaining and largely locally funded.</i>	~ NOT YET BEGUN	Work will continue in 2025 and beyond.
Facilitate long-term and short-term special projects	<i>Projects implement transit solutions, protect the ecosystem, steward recreational access, and sustain the economic vitality of the mountains.</i>	✓ COMPLETED!	The CWC initiated the Short-Term Projects Grant Program in 2020 and we distribute about 15 grants, each ranging from \$500 to \$20,000, every year.
Create a governmental entity, comprised of elected officials, which eventually became the Central Wasatch Commission	<i>The goal of the CWC is to carry out projects initiated during the Mountain Accord, including all of the deliverables in this table.</i>	✓ COMPLETED!	The CWC was created by interlocal agreement in 2017 and has been carrying out the vision of the Mountain Accord Charter ever since.
Develop and implement a comprehensive trail and cycling plan for the Central Wasatch	<i>Will help rec. managers prepare for an increase in trail users without negatively impacting the other three systems: environment, economy & transportation.</i>	✓ COMPLETED!	The Salt Lake Ranger District has completed Tri-Canyons Trails Master Plan for USFS land in the Wasatch Front. They used the Visitor Use Study commissioned by the CWC Stakeholders Council.
Analysis of capacity of the Cottonwood Canyons to remain healthy under increasing use	<i>The goal was to ensure the environment system is not negatively impacted even as recreational use increases. Initially sought absolute maximum capacity number.</i>	✓ COMPLETED!	Experts on study said capacity can't be measured & advocated for the word 'visitor use'. CWC's Visitor Use Study was completed in 2023 and updated in 2024. It is already influencing decisions such as the Tri-Canyons Trails Master Plan.
Parley's Corridor Alternatives Analysis	<i>Evaluate connection between the Salt Lake Valley & Park City area to relieve transp. pressure on the Cottonwoods.</i>	~ NOT YET BEGUN	Has not yet started.

SHORT-TERM PROJECTS GRANT PROGRAM

2024/2025 AWARDEES

Central Wasatch Commission Youth Council – Plan and host a youth-oriented outdoor film festival.

Central Wasatch Commission Youth Council – Built a community gear shed at the Mobile Moon Co-op.

Summit Community Gardens – EATS Environmental Education programs.

Salt Lake Climbers Alliance – Maintenance of aging fixed rock anchor hardware on climbing routes.

Salt Lake Climbers Alliance – Alpenbock documentary film looking at history of legendary Wasatch climbers.

Cottonwood Canyons Foundation – Tri-Canyon Trail Deferred Maintenance & Invasive Weed Control Project.

Wasatch Backcountry Alliance – Saturday backcountry ski shuttle in Little & Big Cottonwood Canyons.

Save Our Canyons – Wilderness Stewardship Project.

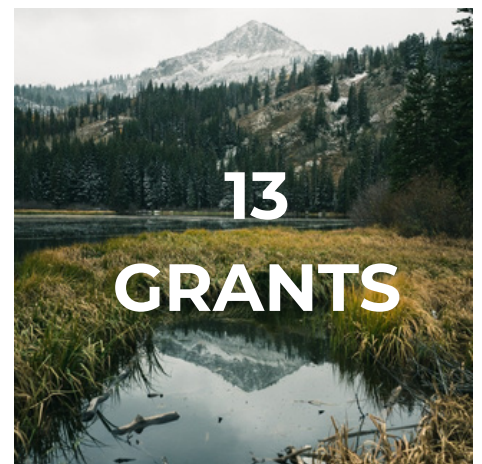
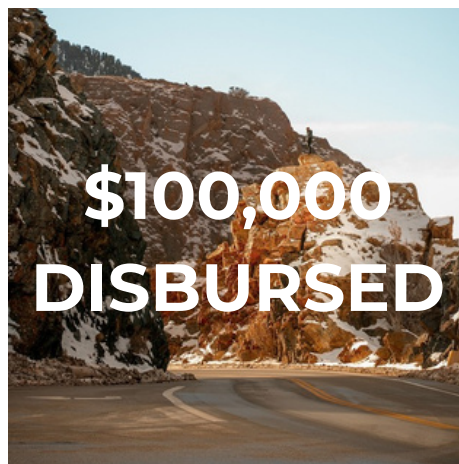
Trails Utah – Extension of the Pipeline Trail.

Trails Utah – Maintenance of the White Pine Trail bridge.

Utah Open Lands – Transit to Trails Shuttle program.

Utah Open Lands – Construction of an accessible trail at Bonanza Flat.

Wasatch Graffiti Busters – Abatement of graffiti tags across the Central Wasatch.



"The CWC deals mostly with long-term environmental, transportation, and recreation issues in the Central Wasatch, but there is a portion of our program that has nearly immediate payoff: the Short-Term Projects Grant Program. A handful of awards are made each year with almost (by government standards) immediate results. They are modest expenditures that directly and expeditiously benefit the community while maintaining the Mountain Accord's systems balance." —Mayor Roger Bourke, Alta, Utah

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

NEW PROJECT: BONANZA FLAT ACCESSIBLE TRAIL

New this year, Utah Open Lands was awarded funding to support the construction of an accessible trail to reach the Aspen Programming Patio and more property at the Bonanza Flat Conservation Area.

— IMPACT

This accessible trail will help people with mobility and other disabilities access the Aspen Programming Patio where programs for all recreationists take place. With this trail, people of varying ability levels will now be able to participate in the Patio's fun events and stewardship lessons.

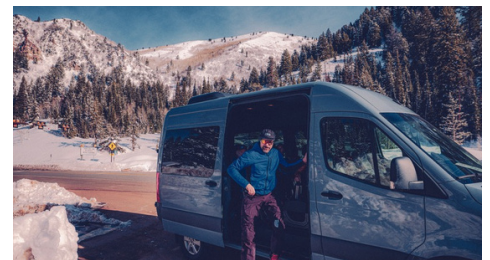
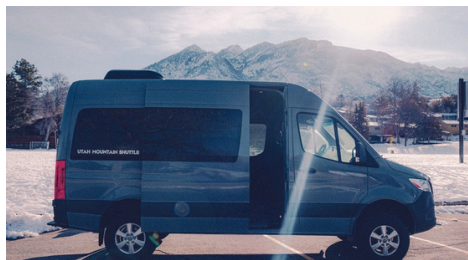
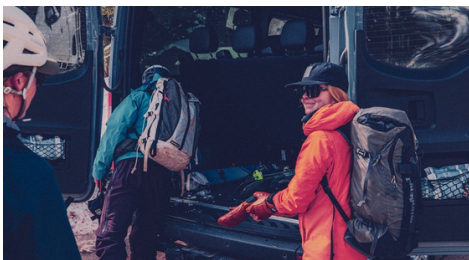


CONTINUOUSLY FUNDED PROJECT: WBA SHUTTLE

The Wasatch Backcountry Alliance (WBA) Backcountry Shuttle delivers backcountry skiers and splitboarders to popular trailheads Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons every Saturday throughout the winter season.

— IMPACT

The WBA Backcountry Shuttle program provides equitable access to backcountry terrain in BCC and LCC while mitigating traffic congestion, parking issues, and air quality impacts. The shuttle helps take 616 vehicles off the road on busy Saturdays and demonstrates that the backcountry community can adapt transportation problems in the Central Wasatch and address them with simple, flexible solutions today.



CWNCRA

CENTRAL WASATCH NATIONAL CONSERVATION RECREATION AREA ACT

The CWNCRA is a locally driven bill aimed at protecting the sources of our drinking water, preserving recreational opportunities for the future, and ensuring enjoyment of the Central Wasatch Mountains in the face of pressures from a growing population. It is consensus-based, which means it relies on a careful balance between transportation, recreation, economy, and the environment. The CWNCRA has been through seven re-drafts since H.R. 5718, which was introduced to Congress in 2016. The most current iteration of the Bill is the 10/26/2020 draft, which is now five years old. The CWC began the work of updating the CWNCRA to reflect current conditions in a new draft bill during the 24/25 fiscal year and will continue updating the CWNCRA over the next year.



LEGISLATIVE FIELD TRIP

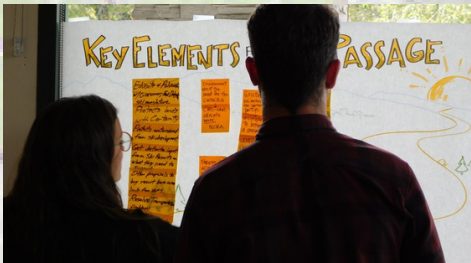
In the Fall of 2024, Utah State Legislators, CWC Commissioners, Stakeholders, staff, and agency partners from the Forest Service, UDOT, and the ski resorts heard about the Cottonwood Creek watersheds, lands issues, recreation access, transportation needs, and how the CWNCRA could collectively address those issues.

— IMPACT

Representative Bennion introduced H.B 196 Vehicle Traction during the 2025 Legislative Session as a result of conversations during the CWC’s Legislative Field Trip that she attended.

BOARD RETREAT

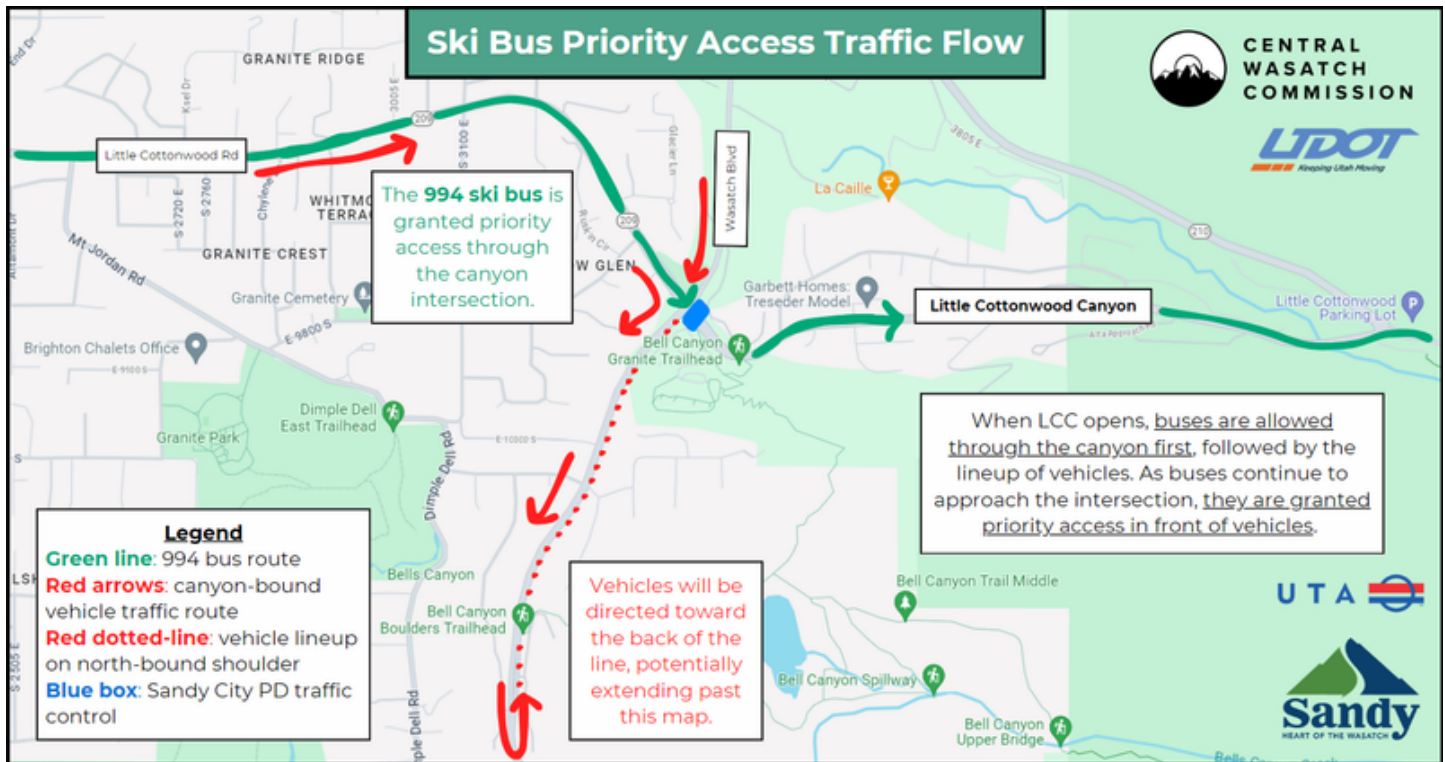
The CWNCRA was the sole focus of the 2024 Board Retreat, during which, commissioners deliberated over these questions: nearly ten years to the date that the Mountain Accord Charter was signed, is the CWNCRA still relevant? Is the CWNCRA still needed for the long-term protection and balance of the interests in the Central Wasatch Mountains? The answer to those questions was unequivocally, **yes**.



TRANSPORTATION

SKI BUS PRIORITY ACCESS PROGRAM

Now in its sixth year, the Ski Bus Priority Access Program addresses the traffic congestion on State Road 210 and Wasatch Boulevard on Little Cottonwood Canyon closure days.



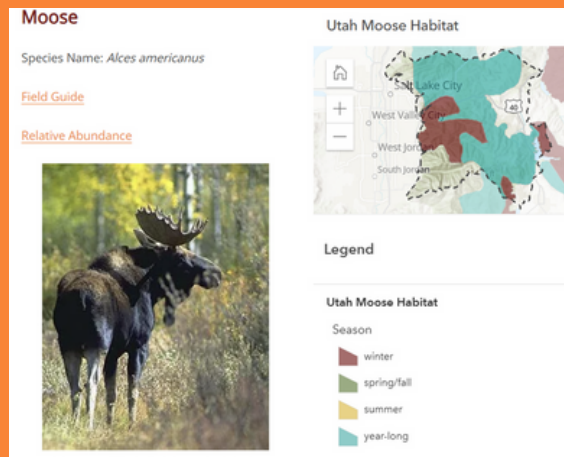
— IMPACT

- Keeps traffic moving along Wasatch Blvd. & frees up the roads for local commuters
- Eliminates traffic congestion on Little Cottonwood Canyon Road
- Reduces frustration and increases safety for residents, commuters, and resort-goers
- Decreases travel time on the ski bus by an average of 50 minutes, or 34%
- Incentivizes public transit by prioritizing bus access to the canyon
- Reduces cars on the road
- More efficiently serves visitors and residents as they recreate in LLC



CENTRAL WASATCH DASHBOARD

Given a name change to more accurately describe its scope, the Central Wasatch Dashboard is a tool for the public, land managers, policy makers, and technical users. Explore air quality and climate, geology and soils, vegetation communities, water, wildlife, and the human element to learn about historic and current environmental conditions of the Central Wasatch Mountains.



MUCH ACCOMPLISHED & MANY DREAMS

Feedback Survey - The CWC's Stakeholders Council Environment System Committee put together a survey for community members to give feedback on the Central Wasatch Dashboard. There were over 100 responses with suggestions to improve the platform.

Storyboarding Workshop - CWC staff organized a Storyboarding Workshop with members of the Stakeholders Council, Youth Council, the public, and University of Utah staff that have been commissioned to build and maintain the Dashboard. The workshop took place on Monday, February 24th, 2025 at Cottonwood Heights City Hall.

Adding New Data - With the Feedback Survey and Storyboarding Workshop completed, the CWC and University of Utah staff are working on adding new data and elements. This includes but is not limited to:

- Navigation menus and tables of contents for each of the six elements.
- Overhaul of the landing page to include an interactive map.
- Cross-listing data for ease of location.
- Information on how recently the data was updated on each page.
- Land ownership data.



**Visit the
Dashboard!**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

291 followers on X

624 followers on Facebook

1,902 followers on Instagram

160 followers on Tiktok

The Central Wasatch Commission created a bi-monthly newsletter called the **CWC Digest** that recaps the work of the Board, Stakeholders Council, Youth Council, and staff.

The **Community Calendar** is located on the CWC's website to provide members of the public with information about CWC meetings and local events occurring in the Central Wasatch.

15

tabling days

49

newsletters sent

2,968

subscribers

IN THE WASATCH PODCAST

The *In the Wasatch* podcast was created by the CWC to engage with community members and the public in the Central Wasatch Mountains. Hosted by Community Outreach Coordinator Mia McNeil and Communications Director Ben Kilbourne, *In the Wasatch* focuses on the CWC's initiatives, issues in the Central Wasatch, and local advocates and organizations dedicated to a sustainable future.

15 EPISODES • 529 STREAMS • 68 SUBSCRIBERS

"In the Wasatch brings together the four focus areas of the Central Wasatch Commission: economy, environment, recreation, and transportation. Just like the CWC, there is no other podcast that focuses specifically on these mountains and their unique issues."

- Mia McNeil, Community Engagement Coordinator & host of In the Wasatch



APPLE PODCASTS



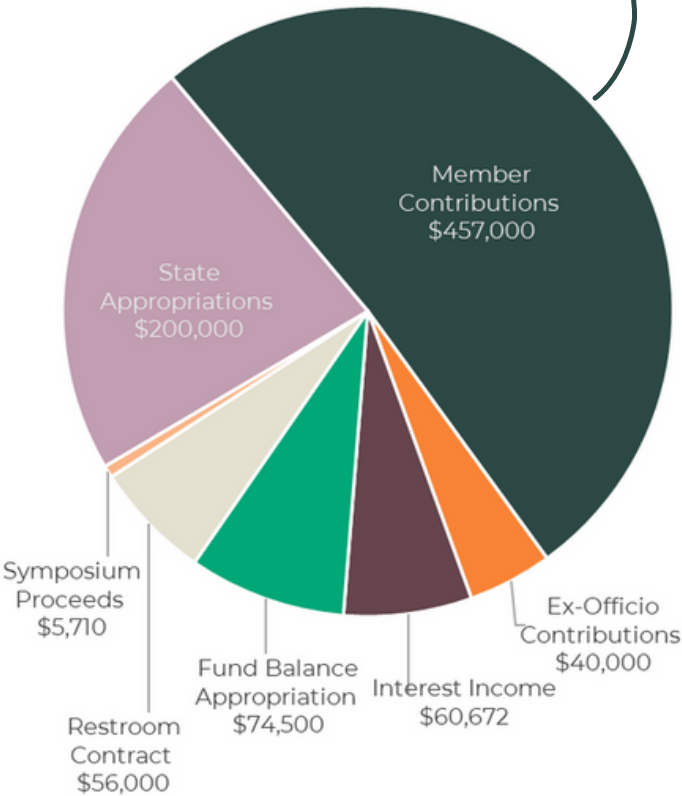
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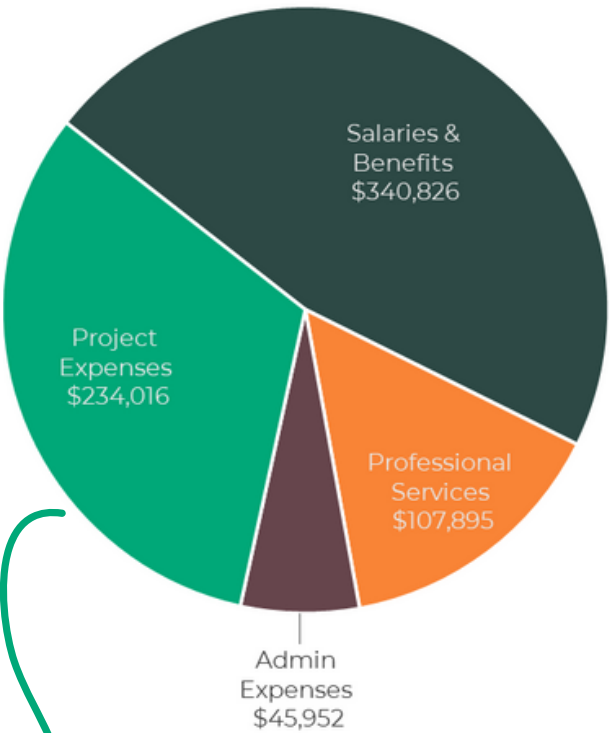
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FINANCES

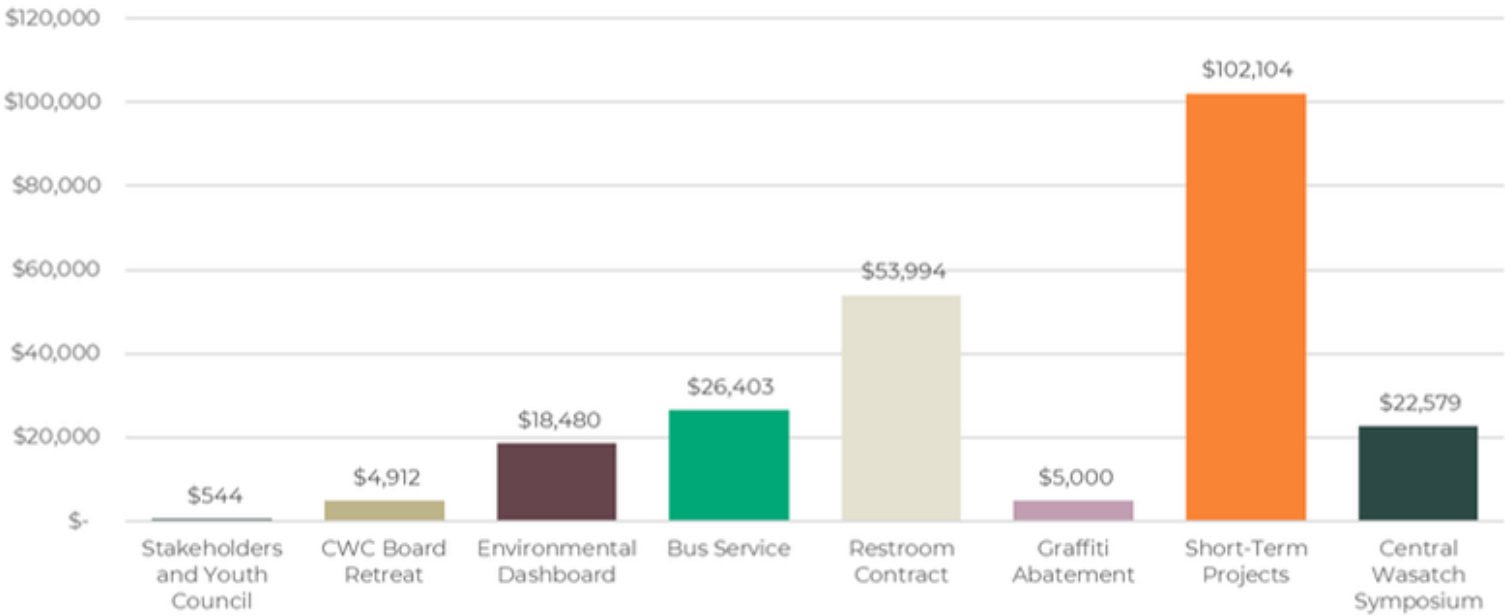
2024-2025 Income



2024-2025 Total Spending



2024-2025 Project Spending





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