

**Bonanza Flat Planning-
Jurisdictional Stakeholders Input Session
Council Chambers
445 Marsac Ave.
March 23, 2018**



- Roll Call
 - City Staff/Council
 - Heinrich Deters
 - Logan Jones
 - Steve Joyce
 - Diane Foster
 - Bob Radke - SBSRD
 - Tracy See- Wasatch Mountain State Park
 - Kathy Donnel- Wasatch Mountain State Park
 - Mike Davis – Wasatch County Manager
 - Steve Ferrall – Wasatch County Council
 - Wendy Fisher – Utah Open Lands
 - Becky Hadsy – US Forest Service – Salt Lake Ranger District
 - Scott Martin – Metro Water
 - Patrick Nelson – Salt Lake Public Utilities
 - Karen- Salt Lake Public Utilities
 - Doug Clyde – Summit County Council
 - Public
 - Charlie Sturgis
 - Rick Johnson
 - Ray Bloxam

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- **Meeting Commenced 8:43am**
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Background: The committee was provided with information from the completed resource inventory by Utah Open Lands and Park City staff. This provided a 30,000 foot view of the property and the basis behind the recommendations for the conservation easement permitted and restricted uses. The timeline and process to date was

reviewed and the committee was provided with the next steps and deadlines. The committee was asked to set goals and help plan the area to positively influence the rest of the Wasatch as regional influences on Bonanza Flat both provide challenges and opportunities.

It was emphasized that the committee was being asked to view the proposed uses and restrictions from a high level to provide input to the council. An important component was for the committee to evaluate if the permitted and restricted uses needed to be changed. It was also emphasized that the goal was to not have a net increase in use on the property, but rather to effectively deal with the health, welfare and safety issues that are occurring based on current use and to create a sustainable and therefore better recreational experience on the land.

Summary

The Committee supported the idea of zones, and many of the Jurisdictional stakeholders were concerned about how management of the property as a whole and the use restrictions would affect the neighboring residents. Access for Brighton Estates was emphasized by those in attendance from Brighton Estates and consideration for safety and therefore certain access corridors was seen as critical. There was consensus that the watershed value paramount and permitted and restricted language and overall management should ensure that the watershed is not impacted. There was also general discussion regarding the intent of preservation being for watershed protection. There was also a feeling that there was the potential to create a better solution for everyone in uses on the property.

Nordic Skiing

The committee was not opposed to Nordic skiing, but is concerned in general about access to the property in the winter. It was recognized that Bonanza provides the opportunity for high altitude skiing with climate change limiting existing Nordic options. The committee wanted it to be limited and was unsure that access could be accomplished.

Conservation zones

The committee was supportive of the zones, but questioned some areas where mountain biking currently occurs and was proposed to be in the primitive zone where it would be eliminated. Discussion regarding regional trail connections helped to clarify possible solutions, but recognized that regional issues could not be solved on Bonanza Flat.

Dogs

Everyone was in agreement that irresponsible dog owners were creating issues and impacting the watershed. Some committee members called for a complete ban. The main point of the discussion was that whatever the restrictions were they had to be absolutely clear and enforced. The committee also felt that it needed to be made clear that if there is irresponsible use then the area would be closed to dogs completely.

Hunting

One member was very concerned about taking away hunting. It was discussed that hunting would be a management tool. Some of the public indicated that hunting had

been discouraged on the property, both by adjacent landowners and the previous landowners.

Motorized Use

The committee had heated discussion on recreational motorized use, with some members frustrated that it was being suggested that it was wrong to remove this traditional use. Other committee members said that snowmobiles have a tremendous impact on other users and wildlife due to noise among other things. It was also brought up that snowmobilers had been trespassing. Utah Open Lands staff met with the Utah Snowmobile Association and felt that a good compromise was having access on established routes to adjacent managed recreational snowmobiling. Some committee members expressed that Wasatch County residents use the area. It was mentioned that without management snowmobiling can have an impact on the watershed, especially wetlands. It was discussed that their needed to be clarity regarding the existing Guardsman and Pine Canyon Roads.

Talker Lease hold

There was strong concern as to how the lease was going to impact the property and adjacent uses.

Guardsman Pass/Trailheads

The committee strongly endorsed supporting use of the area was dependent upon having restrooms. Part of the discussion revolved around the fact that without trailheads and facilities none of the problems would be solved.

Meeting was adjourned around 10:15am