



The time has come to truly consider our future. The time has come for Accord.

The Mountain Accord, an historic agreement 30 years in the making, was unanimously approved by the [Executive Committee](#) on July 13, 2015. The Accord is the culmination of two years' worth of public feedback, stakeholder involvement and leadership decisions.

Mountain Accord is an effort created to make critical decisions for the long-term future of the central Wasatch Mountains and canyons. The program evaluates issues associated with four areas—transportation, environment, economy, and recreation—and proposes solutions.

### **Our Principles**

Mountain Accord was built with a set of principles to inform its outcomes. In order to build the Accord's groundbreaking consensus, stakeholders crafted the document with these core principles in mind:

—We must reduce sprawl and work to preserve open space, sensitive environments and community character

—We must concentrate future development in urban areas and near existing transit corridors and seek to focus future development in urban areas, near transit corridors.

—We must limit additional development in the Cottonwood Canyons to previously developed or disturbed areas like the bases of existing ski areas and established trails and trailheads.

—We must promote development that increases transit use, walking and biking and decreased single-occupancy vehicle use.

—We must to imagine transportation solutions between the economic and population centers and recreation destinations in the Central Wasatch Mountains.

### **What's in the Accord:**

#### **—A Federal Land Designation that will lock down ski area boundaries**

The Accord proposes to petition the U.S. Congress to create "A National Conservation and Recreation Area" in the Central Wasatch. The federal land designation will specifically prohibit expansion of ski areas onto public lands beyond the resort area boundaries. The ski areas are in support of the land designation, and are willingly agreeing to this preservation package.

#### **—A nearly 3-to-1 conversion of private to public lands**

A series of proposed land exchanges among the US Forest Service and ski areas, primarily in established base areas, will clean up the map and organize the piecemeal mess of land ownership in the Central Wasatch. This will enable better decisions and planning in the future.

### **—Transportation solutions**

The signers of the Accord recommend considering alternatives that dis-incentivize single occupancy vehicle use in the Cottonwood Canyons.

### **—Environmental monitoring**

The Accord proposes the creation of an environmental monitoring “scorecard” to give decision makers a way to track the Central Wasatch’s environmental health and evaluate impacts in future planning discussions.

### **—Trail improvements**

The Accord proposes an effort to clean up and organize the trails system in our canyons, to control erosion and protect the watershed.

Read the entire Accord [HERE](#).

## **What’s Next?**

Now approved, the Mountain Accord will enter Phase 2, which includes significant research into each recommendation, continued public feedback and completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as part of the required NEPA, National Environmental Policy Act, process.

## **Study Area**

The study area for Mountain Accord includes portions of Salt Lake, Summit, and Wasatch counties. The area is bounded on the west by the existing transportation backbone in the Salt Lake Valley (Salt Lake International Airport, TRAX/FrontRunner, and I-15), on the east by Park City and Wasatch and Summit counties, on the north by Parley’s Canyon, and on the south by Little Cottonwood Canyon.

## **Who’s involved?**

The Accord is an unprecedented collaboration among more than 20 public and private organizations coming together to meet the long-term usage and preservation needs of the region. For the first time, environmental and recreational advocacy groups, ski industry representative and local, state and federal government representatives are sitting at the same table.

- **Salt Lake County**
- **Summit County**
- **Salt Lake City**
- **Park City**
- **Sandy City**
- **Cottonwood Heights**
- **Town of Alta**
- **Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy**
- **Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT)**
- **Utah Transit Authority (UTA)**
- **U.S. Forest Service (USFS)**
- **Federal Transit Administration (FTA)**
- **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**
- **Utah State Legislature**
- **State of Utah, Governor’s Office**
- **Wasatch Front Regional Council**
- **Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce**

- **Save Our Canyons**
- **Outdoor Industry Association**
- **Ski Utah**