



**CENTRAL
WASATCH
COMMISSION**

**Sandy City Council
Presentation
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What is the Central Wasatch Commission?

Created in 2017 by interlocal agreement, the **Central Wasatch Commission** serves as a convener for local jurisdictions, stakeholders, and public with interest and authority in the Central Wasatch Mountains.

The CWC's mission is to protect the Central Wasatch through providing canyon transportation solutions, pathways for concentrated development, environmental protections, and recreational stewardship.



Member Jurisdictions



City of Holladay



High Valley
TRANSIT



Special Advisors:



Solitude



Member Jurisdiction Benefits

Consensus approach to both land and watershed protection and decision making

Consensus-based transportation approach

Short-term improvements in the mountains

The Central Wasatch Dashboard

Regional stakeholder involvement





Sandy City Specific Benefits

Ample collaborations with jurisdictional neighbors.

Direct access to collective group advocacy efforts for environmental protection and conservation.

Innovative platform for complex transportation discussions and solutions.



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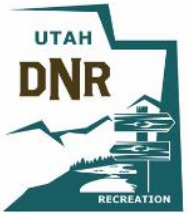
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Stakeholder Organizations



Central Wasatch Youth Council

The Youth Council serves as an educational forum for its members and provides a platform for young people to engage directly with the Central Wasatch Commission on issues that affect them as users and stewards of the Central Wasatch.

Recent projects include creating an accessible, affordable outdoor gear shed and hosting a youth focused outdoor film festival.



Our Mountain Transportation Work

- Mountain Transportation System Project
- Big Cottonwood Canyon Mobility Action Plan
- Updated Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Feasibility Study
- Operate the Ski Bus Priority Access Program
- Mill Creek FLAP Grant Comment
- Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Statement Comment



Ski Bus Priority Access Program

Facilitates orderly traffic

Frees up the roads for local commuters

Reduces frustration 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

Provides for better safety for visitors and residents

More efficiently serves visitors and residents as they recreate in Little Cottonwood Canyon.

The Central Wasatch Dashboard

The Central Wasatch Commission released the Central Wasatch Dashboard to the public on Monday, June 6, 2022.

The Central Wasatch Dashboard is a tool for the public, land managers, policy makers and technical users to learn about the historic and current environmental conditions of the Central Wasatch. The Dashboard contains five environmental elements: air quality and climate, geology and soil, vegetation communities, water, and wildlife, and existing data for each element has been gathered and presented for public access.

Access the Central Wasatch Dashboard here:
<https://cwc.utah.gov/central-wasatch-dashboard/>

Central Wasatch Symposium

Central Wasatch Commission hosts the annual Central Wasatch Symposium, a conference-style event bringing together various interests and stakeholders in the Central Wasatch for two days of expert panels, interactive workshops, and networking.

2026 featured Darren Parry as the symposium keynote speaker with over 200 people in attendance.



Short-Term Project Grant Program

Maintenance of Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest bathrooms at trailheads (2020 – 2025)

Support of the ongoing maintenance of the Lone Peak Wilderness Wag Bag Kiosk at Jacobs Ladder Trailhead (2020)

Maintenance of aging fixed rock anchor hardware on climbing routes across the Central Wasatch (2023 – 2025)

Saturday backcountry ski shuttle in Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons (2022 - 2025)

Funding abatement of graffiti tags across the Central Wasatch in partnership with the Wasatch Graffiti Busters (2020 – 2025)

User survey intended to inform land managers and stewards of the various uses and needs a few trailheads including the Cottonwood Heights Bonneville Shoreline Trail Preserve and Willow Heights. (2021)

Support of Save Our Canyons' Wilderness Stewardship Project (2022-2025)

Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act (CWNCRA)

This is the cornerstone project for the Central Wasatch Commission.

The CWNCRA is a novel federal designation that would create new Wilderness, balance development and transportation needs, and place permanent protections on land and water in the tri-canyon area.

The Central Wasatch Commission's current goal is to modernize the legislation with a new draft.



Thank you. Questions?

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