



Tuesday, January 5, 2020

BLM Salt Lake Field Office
ATTN: Roxanne Tea, Team Lead, Trails EA
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Dear Roxanne:

We are writing to express our strong support of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Alternative B in its' Trail Development in the Lake Mountains, North Oquirrh Management Area and Rose and Yellow Fork Canyons DOI-BLM-UT-W010-2020-0007-EA environmental assessment. As mentioned in the BLM document Alternative B would create up to 15 miles of trails within Rose and Yellow Fork Canyons (BLM) which is adjacent to the Salt Lake County owned property.

Salt Lake County operates an extensive recreation program for its' 1,200,000+ residents which is heavily utilized. In addition, population growth on the westside is robust which will only add to this demand.

We have noted a strong desire among County residents for unstructured outdoor recreation, especially the use of hiking and biking trails. This desire has been shown in usage by residents and in a number of surveys conducted by both Parks and Recreation and Regional Development over the past few years. Most existing trails, especially in the Wasatch Mountains and along the Jordan River, are heavily used. To help meet this burgeoning demand and expand recreation opportunities in all areas of the valley, the Salt Lake County Division of Parks and Recreation has developed a trails master plan that calls for cooperation between Salt Lake County, the BLM, city governments and private landowners in the development of recreational trails in the Oquirrh Mountains. The County is also in the process of developing the West General Plan for the west bench which will include an element focused on outdoor recreation including trails.

Therefore, as the BLM develops the trails called for in the EA, we would like to be a partner in the planning for such. In order to advance this effort, we would be pleased to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the designation of these trails and their construction and maintenance.

Sincerely,

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