



City Council Staff Communications Report

Subject: Bonanza Flat Update
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Background: In June of 2017, Park City Municipal acquired the 1350 acre Bonanza Flat Open Space. Since that time, staff and the conservation easement holder, Utah Open Lands, have held numerous meetings and discussions with the public and City Council, with the goal of adopting a conservation easement. Additionally, staff has been implementing improvements, at the direction of City Council, to help provide for public recreational access and amenities, as well as, infrastructure to help manage and protect resources.

Boundary Fence and Gates: Staff has concluded in placing fencing and gates for the season. This infrastructure helps demarcate the property boundary, provides notice to users per certain permitted and prohibited uses and allows for preservation and management of areas. Additional markings will be placed along the fence line to help identify it during winter conditions.

Winter Safety Corridor: Staff has incorporated recent public input and provided an alignment for the public winter safety corridor. This alignment is in place and additional signage and directions will be provided in near future. Additionally, the safety corridor has been identified as a permitted public use in the draft conservation easement since August.

Mid-Mountain Parking Area: The City has secured an agreement with the current landowner to manage the small trailhead area (approximately 25 spaces) near the UDOT winter closure gate. Staff will be implementing signage to reserve ten of the twenty five spaces for public day time use only. The remaining fifteen spaces will be signed and enforced as overnight parking with a time limit of seventy two (72) hours. Staff will continue to monitor these spaces and advise Council per any future possible changes. Finally, staff has been made aware that a trash dumpster will be placed in the area to serve the Brighton Estates.

Winter Monitoring: Staff will be on Bonanza Flat a minimum of ten hours each week this winter to monitor and educate users per the permitted and prohibited uses identified by City Council and outlined in the draft Conservation easement.