



## 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.

*Notification, Education & Monitoring:* Staff has implemented the ranger program to monitor the property in efforts to preserve the conservation values and educate users to the property ownership and permitted/prohibited aspects as approved by Council. Notification signs have been placed throughout the project, as well as at the main entry points of Empire Pass, Pine Canyon Road and Guardsman Pass. Staff is on property several times a week and provides monitoring reports after each visit. Finally, staff reached out to several snowmobile groups, in an attempt to educate them of the permitted and prohibited uses for the property.

*Observations (Trespass and Vandalism):* Staff finds that the winter safety route requested by Brighton Estates is working well. That said, there is still a significant amount of motorized users who completely disregard posted signage prohibiting motorized use on the property. (Specifically, from Guardsman Pass Road, Culvert Meadow and at the Intersection of Guardsman Pass and Pine Canyon Roads) All of these area are and have been signed noting no motorized use. Next, staff has documented ongoing vandalism and theft issues on the property. The issues are specific to cable gates and locks being cut/stolen, in addition to, wildlife cameras and signs being vandalized or stolen. Staff is working with the City and Wasatch County prosecuter's office on how best to document and file these cases.

*Mid-Mountain Parking Area:* Staff has placed signage on the Mid-Mountain trailhead per day use only (10 spots) and 72 hours (15 spots) respectively. Police have been monitoring the area and no citations have been given to date.

*Enforcement:* Staff recommends continuing notification and educational efforts but also moving into more of an enforcement mode with Wasatch County. Next, staff recommends installing signage notifying that the area is under video surveillance and placing subsequent cameras to assist with enforcement measures.