



### TRAIL CLOSURE ALERT

Due to the Neffs Canyon Fire in Millcreek Canyon, the Forest Service is closing all trails on the north side of Big Cottonwood Canyon, from Moss Ledge to the Jordan Pines/Mill D area. The USFS will be putting this into effect ASAP, and they will be enforcing it. Please let friends and neighbors know.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Currently it's about 1 mile up Neffs Canyon on the north side of Mount Olympus, burning in rough terrain in grass, brush and timber. One 10-person squad and 4 engines are on the scene. If you want to track it, go to:

<https://www.ksl.com/> or <https://utahfireinfo.gov/active-wildfires/> or <https://unifiedfire.org/> (scroll down )



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### BUILD YOUR OWN MOUNTAIN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM!

The Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) has a new public survey...and it looks like fun! Each person gets an imaginary \$38 to spend on their best canyon traffic solution.

There are 3 basic options: A. Expanded Bus Service; B. Gondola; C. Rail System. Then, there are the sub-choices and amenities, but \$38 doesn't permit any fluff, so pay attention to your priorities. You must submit your ideas **BEFORE OCTOBER 18**, so let's get busy! Here's the link to play:

[Central Wasatch Commission: Design Your Mountain Transportation System](#)

The CWC will present their findings at a 2020 Mountain Transportation Summit Meeting on November 13-14. Then the CWC Commission will make final recommendation for a Mountain Transportation System in the Winter of 2021. We have been waiting decades for a vision statement on transportation, and you are invited to be part of it. Let's get out there and design an ideal solution!



### UDOT STICKER PROGRAM

UDOT will issue stickers to residents and employees again this year to allow UPD officers to know at a glance if a vehicle has the 3-Peaks Snowtires. Stay tuned for more information in October.



## WILLOW HEIGHTS TRAIL UPDATE

*From Sarah Bennett, Director of Trails Utah*

The Willow Lake Trail Reroute and Rehabilitation project has finally begun! We hope to get this done before the snow flies. Work began on Monday and will likely take about 3 to 4 weeks. There will be two foot bridges installed at the bottom and top of the loop.

We will likely be looking for volunteers to help with final “junking” of the old trail in three to four weeks. Outdoor volunteers in Brighton...be ready to help! We will be in touch with dates and duties.

Thank you all for waiting endlessly for the pieces to fall into place so this project could go forward. Thanks especially to John Knoblock, Kirk Nichols, Bart Reuling, and Patrick Nelson of Salt Lake City Public Utilities for their support. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

Best, Sarah Bennett  
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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER PROJECT



In May 2021, Rocky Mountain Power will begin a major project to replace over 14 miles of mainline conductors in Big Cottonwood Canyon. In addition over 7 miles of electric line will be placed underground. The project is mostly about fire mitigation. Mayor Knopp will be coordinating with RMP to facilitate permitting and landowner relationships. Please call him if you have questions. (801.244.0366). The project is in the final design process now.

## UFA CONDUCTS STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Jeff Bossard, Carolyn Keigley and Barbara Cameron were invited to attend a strategic planning session for UFA. They evaluated UFA strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities. Here are the issues presented from Big Cottonwood:

**1. Sniffer.** Big Cottonwood is the only community in Salt Lake County that uses strictly propane (we have no natural gas pipeline). A Sniffer is used by fire fighters to determine if a strange smell is a dead animal or a propane leak. If it’s a leak, the Sniffer can indicate the location quickly. A request was made to put a Sniffer in every UFA engine at Station #108.

**2. Ultra High Pressure Suppression System (UHPSS).** Canyon communities often have access challenges for large UFA fire vehicles. The UHPSS systems offer a very high pressure water stream that uses markedly less water and increases the speed of containment. It can even be installed on the back of a pickup truck for public or private use. UFA said they would take a look at this idea. Here are links to one of the companies that makes UHP systems and a YouTube video of it in action:

<http://hmafire.com/what-is-uhp/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9pYbsNSCZE>

Alta noted their access problems are similar to Brighton's, and asked if UFA could make use of their snow making hoses to supply water for fires close to the resort.

**3. Four Person Crews.** Almost all of the UFA Fire Stations have 4 person + crews. Both Cottonwood Canyon fire stations have 3 person crews. We would be very supportive of posting 4 person crews in all fire stations (UFA personnel think it's a good idea also).