



## City Council Staff Communications Report

**Subject: Bonanza Flat Property- Next Steps**

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Park City Trails and Open Space staff, in conjunction with Utah Open Lands (UOL), the selected easement holder, will begin preliminary efforts associated with the Bonanza Flat property. These efforts will provide a framework and timeline for planning and public outreach efforts.

- Due to the size of the acquisition, staff is currently assessing the physical aspects of the property. Additionally, staff has continued to work with Alliance Engineering to establish monuments at the property boundaries.
  - This work will likely continue throughout the summer.
- Utah Open Lands (UOL) will begin efforts to establish the resource inventory and baseline documentation for the property.
  - *These efforts supersede most planning and implementation aspects of capital improvements (Trails/Trailheads) as it is imperative to understand the existing environmental baseline of the property prior to moving forward with additional improvements.*
  - The exception to this point is any public safety or environmentally necessary related improvements.
  - ***Staff and UOL advise that requests for use or improvements be delayed until initial conservation planning is either complete or far enough along that Council has made informed decisions regarding some permitted and restricted uses.***
- Staff and UOL will be returning to Council with draft recommendations on the structure of a possible Planning Group, in addition to, information on public outreach and a public decision making process.
  - Staff and UOL will be recommending an on-going timeline which includes milestones for public input to address various topics in accordance with the collection of environmental baseline data.

Staff and Utah Open Lands would like to present a timeline and initial conservation value discussion for council review and direction at the July 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.