

Central Wasatch Symposium
Event Program
Millcreek City Hall

January 9, 2025			
	Breakout 1 <i>6th Floor Grandview Community Room</i>	Breakout 2 <i>2nd Floor Community Forum</i>	Breakout 3 <i>Adventure Hub Conference Room</i>
10:00-10:10	Welcome Lindsey Nielsen, Central Wasatch Commission <i>Grandview Community Room</i>		
10:10-11:10	Keynote Address Terry Tempest Williams <i>Grandview Community Room</i>		
11:20-12:30	Why the Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act? Ralph Becker <i>Grandview Community Room</i>		
12:30-1:40	Break: Lunch and Exhibitor Tables <i>Grandview Multi-Purpose Room</i>		
1:40-2:30	What Happens to the Water, Happens to the People Laura Briefer Salt Lake City Public Utilities	Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Plan 101 Adam Shaw Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest	Preserving Utah's Climbing Legacy Julia Geisler Salt Lake Climbers Alliance
2:40-3:30	The Visitor Economy in Park City & Summit County: Successes, Mitigating Impacts, & Regionality Morgan Mingle and Becca Gerber Park City Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau	Backcountry Skiing in the Wasatch: What it Is and Why it Matters Aaron London and Will McKay Wasatch Backcountry Alliance	An Introduction to the Biodiversity of the Central Wasatch Mary Pendergast Sageland Collaborative
3:40-4:45	Transportation Panel: An Introduction to the Current Challenges, Needs, and Plans for Transportation Along the Central Wasatch Front and Back Moderator: Andrew Gruber, WFRRC Panelists: Devin Weder and Alex Fisher-Willis, UDOT; Nichol Bordeaux, UTA; Caroline Rodriguez, High Valley Transit <i>Grandview Community Room</i>		

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1:00-2:00	<p>Mayors and City Council Member Panel: Opportunities and Challenges of Running a City Along the Central Wasatch Mountains</p> <p>Moderator: Park City Manager Matt Dias</p> <p>Panelists: Millcreek Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Park City Council Member Bill Ciraco, Sandy City Mayor Monica Zoltanski, Town of Alta Mayor Roger Bourke, Town of Brighton Mayor Dan Knopp</p> <p><i>Grandview Community Room</i></p>		
2:10-3:10	<p>Ski Resort GM Panel: Current State and Future Outlook of the Ski Industry in the Cottonwood Canyons</p> <p>Moderator: Ian Reddell</p> <p>Panelists: Dave Fields, Snowbird Resort; Mike Maughan, Alta Ski Area; Mike Doyle, Brighton Resort; Amber Broadaway, Solitude Mountain Resort</p> <p><i>Grandview Community Room</i></p>		
3:10-3:40	<p>Break: Exhibitor Tables, Snacks and Beverages</p> <p><i>Grandview Multi-Purpose Room</i></p>		
3:40-4:30	<p>Forest Service NEPA and Public Participation</p> <p>Lance Kovel Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest</p>	<p>Advancing Wildfire Mitigation and Defensible Space Initiatives in the Wasatch: Partnerships and Community Engagement</p> <p>Jason Wolf, Salt Lake County; Jennifer McBride, Utah DNR, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands; Anthony Widdison, United Fire Authority</p>	
4:40-5:30	<p>The Historical Journey and Significance of Wilderness Designations within the Central Wasatch Mountain</p> <p>Spencer Shaver Save Our Canyons</p>	<p>Where We Came From and What Makes an Avalanche Forecast</p> <p>Caroline Miller and McKinley Talty Utah Avalanche Center</p>	<p>The Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation Presents: A Crash Course in the State Legislative Process</p> <p>Patrick Morrison and India Nielsen Barfuss Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation</p>
5:30-6:30	<p>Break: Light Appetizers, Mix and Mingle, Live Music</p> <p><i>Grandview Multi-Purpose Room</i></p>		

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