



March 1, 2021

The Honorable John Curtis
125 Cannon House office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Representative Curtis,

The Trust for Public Land is pleased to support the ***Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act***. The Trust for Public Land's mission is to create parks, protect public land for people, and to provide equitable access to the outdoors. Getting people outside, connecting with nature, and enjoying our shared public lands helps to ensure healthy, livable communities for generations to come. Since 1991, the Trust for Public Land has worked to protect land along the foothills of the Wasatch Front, to complete the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. Together with our local partners we are working towards achieving the vision of a 280-mile long Bonneville Shoreline Trail stretching from the Idaho border in the north, to Nephi in the heart of Utah.

In particular, the legislation will designate as wilderness the USFS land around Boy Scouts of America's Camp Tracy, in Mill Creek Canyon. The proposed wilderness parcels were originally protected in 2016 when the Trust for Public Land utilized the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to add the nearly 850 acres to the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Mill Creek Canyon is one of seven major canyons listed in Salt Lake City's Watershed Management Plan. Mill Creek Canyon is a major recreational destination for hiking, biking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and picnicking due to its proximity to Salt Lake City and the greater Wasatch Front.

The valley carved by the prehistoric Lake Bonneville is now home to one of the fastest growing urban corridors in the entire country. More than 75% of Utah's population lives along the Wasatch Front. In 2017, Utah's outdoor recreation economy generated more than \$12.3 billion in consumer spending and directly supported more than 100,000 jobs in Utah. The ***Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act*** will help to complete the vision of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail; giving mountain bikers, runners, hikers, equestrians, cross-country skiers -- and families -- new opportunities to get outside and enjoy the outdoors. We look forward to working with you to advance the legislation through Congress and to achieve the promise of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W.P. Lee".

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