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February 25, 2021

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

The Honorable Mitt Romney  
124 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Curtis and Senator Romney,

Thank you both for your great work representing Utah. I am excited to see you reintroducing the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

As I look down the road and try to anticipate what opportunities and challenges lie ahead for Utah, it's clear that our state's extraordinary growth — both in our population and our economy — will drive both the opportunities and the challenges. We certainly can't stop people from moving to Utah, and wouldn't want to even if we could, but we can wisely take actions that will preserve for our children the standard of living that we currently enjoy.

That conversation includes a more holistic approach to transportation and land use policy, efforts to improve our air quality, and solutions to our scarce water resources. It also includes looking for opportunities to create and preserve more open space and recreational opportunities along the Wasatch Front.

To that end, I love your effort to help complete the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. As you surely know, the trail is a decades long project with both recreational and historical significance. It has the potential to be both a beautiful recreational asset for Utah residents and a tool for teaching us about ancient Lake Bonneville and Utah's fascinating geologic history.

For the past 30 years, numerous Utah political jurisdictions, businesses, recreational users, and private landowners have played a role in securing portions of the trail. Much remains to be done, but your bill, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act, is a next step in that process. It would release several hundred acres of wilderness from the Mount Olympus, Twin Peaks, and Lone Peaks Wilderness Areas, allowing the development of the trail in those areas.

Again, thank you for your leadership. I support the effort and stand ready to help advance the legislation however necessary.

Sincerely,

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor



# SANDY CITY ADMINISTRATION

KURT BRADBURN  
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March 8th, 2021

Congressman John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03)  
3549 North University Ave.  
Yorktown Building Suite #275  
Provo, UT 84604

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to express the support of Sandy City for Congressman John Curtis's Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

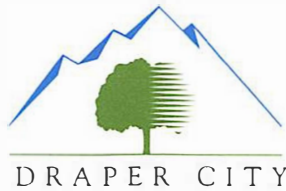
Outdoor recreation and a close proximity to the beautiful Wasatch Mountains makes Sandy City a desirable location to live. Sandy City's taxpayers have long prioritized the investment in trails which provide access for all outdoor enthusiasts.

The Bonneville Shoreline trail is the crown jewel of Sandy's interconnected trail system. This trail once completed will connect hundreds of miles of pristine Utah open space and serve as a tremendous asset to the community.

We encourage members of Congress to support Congressman John Curtis's efforts in regard to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kurt Bradburn



February 6, 2021

Congressman John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03)  
3549 North University Ave.  
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Provo, UT 84604

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is regarding Congressman John Curtis's **Bonneville Shoreline Trail Completion Act**.

Many cities have been working for years to provide interconnected sections of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. Draper City currently has over 9 miles of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail with connections into Sandy City. We are planning another 5 miles this year, which will connect into Lehi City.

Draper City has improved and expanded the trail system in Corner Canyon and Utah County. We now have 4800 acres of dedicated open space and 116 miles of trail. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail is a major arterial trail throughout the Wasatch Front foothills which, when completed will be a major asset for all trail users and communities.

Draper City supports Congressman Curtis's efforts for the **Bonneville Shoreline Trail Completion Act**.

Sincerely,

Mayor Troy K. Walker

Draper City Mayor



# Community and Economic Development

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March 9, 2021

Congressman John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03)  
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Dear Representative Curtis:

This letter is in regards to the Congressman's **Bonneville Shoreline Trails Advancement Act**. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail is a 150 mile plus trail system that runs along the foothills of the Wasatch Front. It is arguably the most significant unpaved trail in northern Utah. The trail has been in development for many years. I have personally been involved with the planning of this trail for over a decade. 50 miles of the trail are situated in Davis County. As a county we have struggled, just like Salt Lake County, to connect the trail through some private properties. Any efforts that would allow the trail to be connected through difficult obstacles would be appreciated. Your current effort to move a wilderness boundary to allow for trail development would benefit many recreational users.

Davis County supports Congressman Curtis's efforts for the Bonneville Shoreline Trails Advancement Act.

Regards,

Jeff Oyler  
Planning Manager  
Davis County

Representative John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03) 3549 North University Ave.  
Yorktown Building Suite #275  
Provo, UT 84604

Dear Representative Curtis,

Several of us are writing as citizens of the community and leaders within our organizations in support of removing small parts of Birch Creek Canyon from wilderness status. As a high school principal, I applaud students that have learned to apply themselves to academics in the classroom, participate in extracurricular activities, and still find the time to enjoy life outside of the school. I often see several of my students out running or biking on the road or trails, and enjoying our beautiful Smithfield and Birch Creek Canyons.

Over the past few years at Sky View High School, there has been a growing increase in the number of students participating in our mountain biking program, which all four of the Cache County High Schools are involved in. I have seen them constantly looking for trails that they can use closer to home. There are several good trails in Logan Canyon, but those require transportation and a great deal of time to access.

There is a plethora of research that shows the connection of participation in physical activities and performance in the classroom. I often try to schedule a student that may be struggling in a subject following a physical education class. I have personally witnessed many high school students enjoying the Birch Creek Canyon area. Beyond the physical activity, I see the opportunity to educate young people on the environment, care for our resources, land use impact, the processes of government, and that recreational activities in the right context can respect nature and environment. My experience is that teenagers will be respectful if given parameters to work within.

Mike Monson

As a member of the Smithfield City Council for 16 years, one of my assignments was to organize and chair the Trails Committee and help



sponsor and produce local road and trail races. Being an avid trail runner and beginning mountain biker, I know the value of our beautiful Birch Creek trail. I helped develop and produce the Sixteen Crossings Trail Race, which runs directly up Birch Creek Canyon on the single track road. This year we were told the boundary was half a mile over the wilderness boundary and we had to change the length of the race even though it was still on the same single track we had run for many years. A USFS person was sent up to inspect the race course during the race to make sure we didn't encroach on that newly "discovered" wilderness.

People love this canyon and are frustrated that not only are they not allowed to use the trail (which was originally a cattle trail and is still used by grazing longhorns on occasion), but that local landowners are gating off portions of the canyon that are being encroached on, because people are just trying to find somewhere to ride and run. Isn't that what Forest Service Land is supposed to be used for? If we can make the Birch Creek trail accessible, I believe the local land-owners will see a decrease in the encroachment of their private property, making landowner and trail user much happier.

The county is aware of the poor condition of the 2.5 mile public road that leads up to the trail head and it was inspected by Craig Buttar, the county executive and his assistant this spring. They have made a commitment to study and develop a plan on how to improve the road. I believe that if Birch Creek can be returned to use as a bike trail, the county will also commit to cleaning up the road in a more timely manner, which will then have a domino effect for local landowners who have experienced encroachment as bikes, runners and vehicles try to negotiate the huge mud holes and car-swallowing gullies over the years.

We were also told by the USFS that if we provided a trail head, they would be more willing to work with us to re-open the trail. I met with Smithfield City Manager, Craig Giles and he granted us a trailhead at Mack Park. So now we have a trailhead, a possible road repair, groups of volunteers ready and willing to build bridges, maintain a trail and even oversee activity on the trail. Now we just need to pull small portions out of wilderness status.

Kris Monson

For the reasons of supporting out high school students, our community mountain bikers, runners and hikers, and for our personal desire to use the canyon, we support efforts being made to swap wilderness land in 1:1 trade to allow previously designed trails in Birch Creek Canyon.

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Michael E. Monson PhD  
Principal, Sky View High School

Kris Monson  
Former Smithfield City Council Member 2002-2017



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March 1, 2021

The Honorable John Curtis  
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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,

Bill Lee  
Senior Vice President for Policy, Advocacy, and Government Relations  
The Trust for Public Land



# OUTDOOR ALLIANCE

March 12, 2021

Sen. Mitt Romney  
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Rep. John Curtis  
125 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

## **Re: Outdoor recreation community support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act**

Dear Senator Romney and Representative Curtis:

On behalf of the human powered outdoor recreation community, we write to express our support and gratitude for your efforts to introduce the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act (BSTAA).

Outdoor Alliance is a coalition of ten member-based organizations representing the human powered outdoor recreation community. The coalition includes Access Fund, American Canoe Association, American Whitewater, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Winter Wildlands Alliance, The Mountaineers, the American Alpine Club, the Mazamas, Colorado Mountain Club, and Surfrider Foundation and represents the interests of the millions of Americans who climb, paddle, mountain bike, backcountry ski and snowshoe, and enjoy coastal recreation on our nation's public lands, waters, and snowscapes.

The BSTAA will help facilitate completion of the multiple-use 280-mile Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). The proposed boundary adjustments will remove 326.27 acres from Wilderness management across 19 carefully drawn areas, and these adjustments will be offset by the addition of an equal area of new Wilderness protection in Mill Creek Canyon. These adjustments will ensure bicycle access on the BST and allow for work on the trail to proceed using tools impermissible under Wilderness management. In addition to the direct benefits of the trail itself, the BST



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is a central component for trail planning efforts for jurisdictions across the Wasatch Front.

The outdoor recreation community strongly supports the Wilderness Act. An outgrowth of that support and our fundamental commitment to protection of Wilderness includes a sensitivity to the need to maintain strong public support for Wilderness protections. We believe that goal of maintaining broad public support is advanced by an openness to judicious adjustments to existing Wilderness in carefully considered settings. Common sense, modest adjustments, offset by new Wilderness additions, can be an important tool for ensuring that existing boundaries do not create insurmountable obstacles to sustainable recreation in places where relatively minor adjustments can be made without undercutting the values that animate the Wilderness Act. We believe that these conditions are met here.

Additionally, Outdoor Alliance and the outdoor recreation community remain committed to the success of the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) and Mountain Accord process. Wilderness boundary adjustment to facilitate completion of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail has been at times a component of the CWC process, and we would like to reiterate our commitment to seeing the goals of the CWC realized. Specifically, we strongly support sustainable solutions to the area's transportation needs and legislation to protect conservation values through new Wilderness designations; protect valued backcountry ski terrain from encroachment by ski area development through land exchanges; facilitate conservation of the watershed; and support sustainable access and maintenance of recreation infrastructure for dispersed human-powered outdoor recreation.

We very much appreciate Rep. Curtis's statements of support for the CWC process, and our support for the BSTAA is grounded in our belief that this bill represents a step forward in realizing a broader vision for conservation and sustainable outdoor recreation in the Wasatch.



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Thank you again for your leadership in this effort, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to pass the BSTAA.

Best regards,

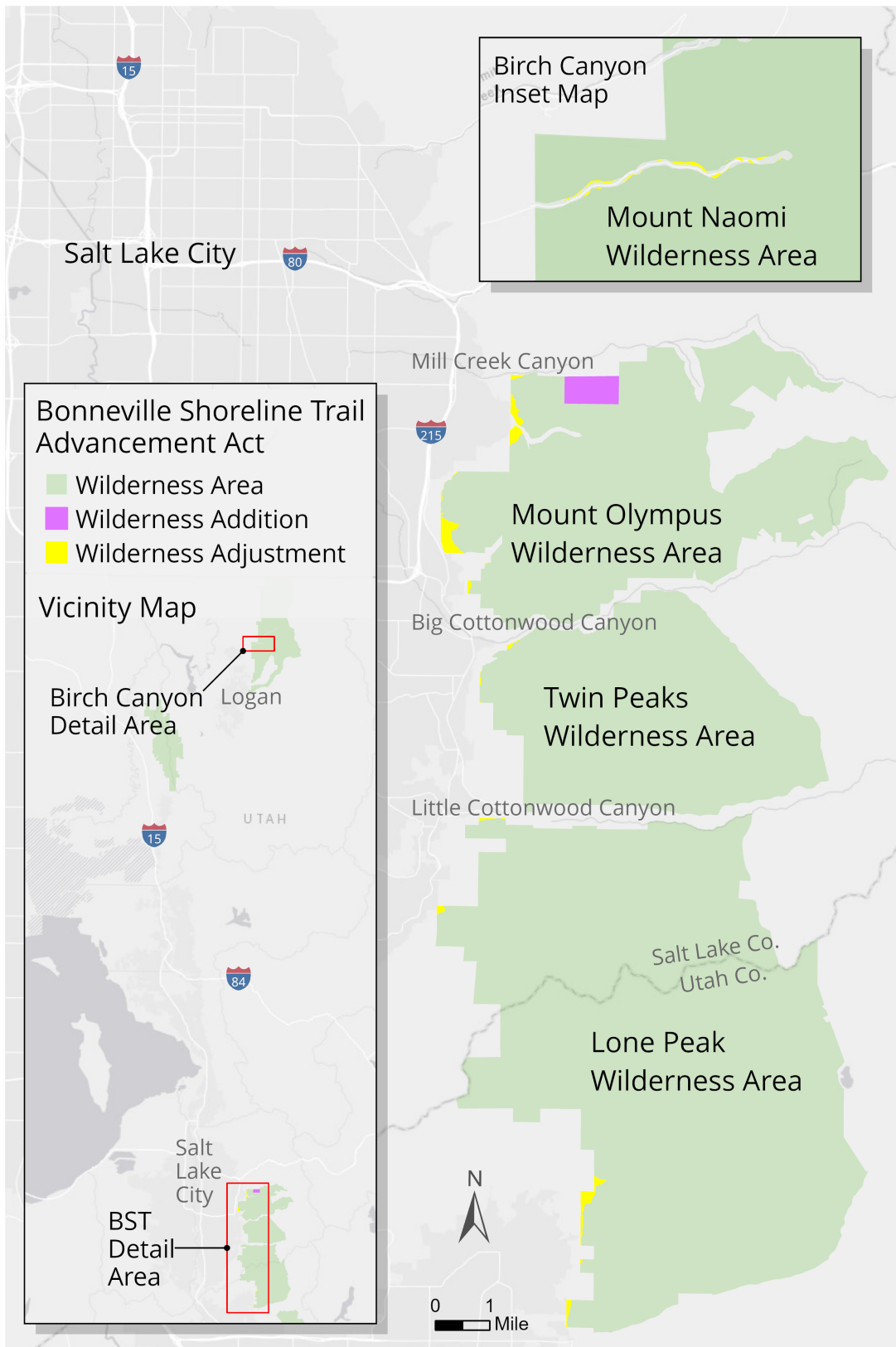


Louis Geltman  
Policy Director  
Outdoor Alliance

cc: Adam Cramer, Executive Director, Outdoor Alliance  
Chris Winter, Executive Director, Access Fund  
Beth Spilman, Interim Executive Director, American Canoe Association  
Mark Singleton, Executive Director, American Whitewater  
Kent McNeill, CEO, International Mountain Bicycling Association  
Todd Walton, Executive Director, Winter Wildlands Alliance  
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March 16, 2021

Congressman John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03)  
3549 North University Avenue  
Yorktown Building, Suite #275  
Provo, UT 84604

Dear Representative Curtis,

The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee is in full support of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

The vision of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) is a non-motorized trail that serves as an interface between the urban area and public lands along Utah's Wasatch Front. The BST provides trail users with a recreational experience at a distance from motorized activities that is both safe and aesthetically pleasing. This vision includes the BST being a shared use trail which is open to mountain biking for its entire length.

Due to terrain difficulties and private property, the BST alignment briefly crosses into Federal Wilderness in over a dozen areas. In 2015, the locally agreed to Mountain Accord for the Central Wasatch included moving wilderness boundaries to allow biking on the entire BST by the proposed CWNCR legislation. However that legislation is not moving for several reasons. The BST sections in Wilderness prevent access for mountain bikers as well as preventing trail construction and maintenance using mechanized equipment such as chainsaws and excavators.

We strongly support the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act to advance the vision of the BST being open to mountain biking and using mechanized equipment by moving the wilderness boundary to above the BST alignment.

Sincerely,

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John Knoblock, Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee



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March, 2021

Congressman John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03)  
3549 N. University Avenue  
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Provo, UT 84604

Dear Congressman John Curtis,

On behalf of PeopleForBikes, I encourage the introduction of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

PeopleForBikes is the national advocacy group and trade association that works for better policies and infrastructure for bike riding. Our coalition includes companies that manufacture or sell bicycles and related products and we represent more than 500 bike businesses and 10,000 individual supporters in Utah.

If approved, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act would facilitate completion of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). BST is currently an incomplete long distance multi-use trail that is the central spine of many trail master plans across the Wasatch Front. The trail is incomplete because it enters three federally designated Wilderness Areas (Mt Olympus, Twin Peaks and Lone Peak). The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act would minimally move the Wilderness Area boundaries to align with the BST sections that currently enter into the federally designated areas.

The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act will foster and create a consistent management approach of the BST across the federal estate (USFS). This will drive more attention to trail building and streamline efforts to fundraise for new development. The expansion of this trail will incentivize more individuals to get out and ride, which will benefit local communities and bike businesses.

Please support outdoor recreation in Utah by endorsing the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,

Morgan Lommele  
Director of State + Local Policy  
PeopleForBikes  
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Listed below are bike retailers and manufacturers that support this issue and the reasons why they believe its introduction would benefit their business.



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ENVE Composites  
508 W. Stockman Way  
Ogden, UT 84401

Mad Dog Cycles  
360 E 800 S  
Orem, UT 84097

Electrify Bike Company  
50 West Broadway  
Salt Lake City, UT 84103

Infinite Cycles  
3818 W 13400 S  
Riverton, UT 84065

Reasons why the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) Advancement Act would benefit bike businesses:

- Families regularly use the BST and connections would make the trail more accessible.
- The completion of the BST would support mountain biking in Utah. This benefits my business and the local economy through the creation of jobs, increased tax revenue, increased tourism and providing greater opportunities for cyclists who are interested in exploring the entire Wasatch front.
- Many trails on the Wasatch Front are closed during cold weather. The expansion of the BST would improve riding opportunities throughout the year and incentivize more individuals to get out and ride.



# American Trails

*Advancing trails for those who build, maintain, use, and dream of trails...*

February 8, 2021

The Honorable John Curtis  
125 Cannon House Office Building  
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Representative Curtis,

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American Trails is pleased to support the ***Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act***. American Trails' mission is to advance the development of diverse, high quality trails and greenways for the benefit of people and communities. Since its inception in 1988, American Trails has advanced and promoted the development, conservation, and enjoyment of diverse, high-quality trails and greenways across the United States by acting as the nation's collective voice for trails. The growth of trails, their benefits, and the industry itself has been a significant contribution to the growth of the active lifestyle movement and outdoor industry across the country. In fact, we believe that access to trails more than any other single factor helps establish quality of life in America's communities and wild places.

The BSTAA will help facilitate completion of the multiple-use 280-mile Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). The proposed boundary adjustments will remove 326.27 acres from Wilderness management across 19 carefully drawn areas, and these adjustments will be offset by the addition of an equal area of new Wilderness protection in Mill Creek Canyon. These adjustments will ensure bicycle access on the BST and allow for work on the trail to proceed using tools impermissible under Wilderness management. In addition to the direct benefits of the trail itself, the BST is a central component for trail planning efforts for jurisdictions across the Wasatch Front.

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American Trails strongly supports the Wilderness Act. An outgrowth of that support and our fundamental commitment to protection of Wilderness includes a sensitivity to the need to maintain strong public support for Wilderness protections. We believe that goal of maintaining broad public support is advanced by an openness to judicious adjustments to existing Wilderness in carefully considered settings. Common sense, modest adjustments, offset by new

Wilderness additions, can be an important tool for ensuring that existing boundaries do not create insurmountable obstacles to sustainable recreation in places where relatively minor adjustments can be made without undercutting the values that animate the Wilderness Act. We believe that these conditions are met here.

Additionally, American Trails and the outdoor recreation community remain committed to the success of the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) and Mountain Accord process. Wilderness boundary adjustment to facilitate completion of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail has been at times a component of the CWC process, and we would like to reiterate our commitment to seeing the goals of the CWC realized. Specifically, we strongly support sustainable solutions to the area's transportation needs and legislation to protect conservation values through new Wilderness designations; protect valued backcountry ski terrain from encroachment by ski area development through land exchanges; facilitate conservation of the watershed; and support sustainable access and maintenance of recreation infrastructure for dispersed human-powered outdoor recreation.

We look forward to working with you to advance this legislation through Congress, and working together to achieve the promise of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Passo", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mike Passo  
Executive Director  
American Trails



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February 18, 2021

Congressman John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03)  
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To Congressman Curtis

The Utah High School Cycling League fully supports the Bonneville Shoreline Advancement Act. The adjustments this bill proposes provides critical continuity to the BST trail experience and will likely lead to further advancements toward trail completion

The Utah High School Cycling League, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, had over 4,400 student-athletes and over 2,500 coaches register to participate and race during the 2019 season. The Utah league has experienced exponential growth since beginning in 2012 with only 320 student-athletes. Our mission is to build strong bodies, minds, character and community through cycling.

Completion of the BST will greatly enhance the ability of our teams to practice safely and reduce impact to other trail users. Last year our teams provided over 10,000 volunteer hours of trail building and maintenance in their respective communities. As a league, we would commit to assisting the labor needed to advance the BST.

Thank you for your consideration and investment into the lives and futures of children and their families.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director



Congressman John Curtis  
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Dear Congressman John Curtis,

On behalf of the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), we commend you for taking an interest in the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) and better mountain biking connectivity in the Salt Lake Valley. We fully support and encourage the introduction of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act (BSTAA).

IMBA is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational association whose mission is to create, enhance and protect great places to ride mountain bikes. Founded in 1988, IMBA leads the national and worldwide mountain bicycling communities through a network of 140,000 individual supporters, subscribers and affiliate groups and members. Each year, Mountain bikers are estimated to contribute more than 100,000 hours annually valued at more than \$2 million in volunteer trail stewardship on America's public lands. Mountain bikers are some of the best assistants to federal, state, and local land managers when it comes to trail maintenance, trail planning, design and building. IMBA's members and mountain bike trail organizations nationwide have relied on federal lands for sustainable and thoughtful shared access to trails in their communities and this bill will further advance a key regional trail asset for all types of trail enthusiasts. This bill will also leverage new interest in advancing the BST toward completion and will drive resources and volunteer hours to the area as it becomes available to bicyclists.

If passed, the BSTAA would assist local communities and volunteer efforts in completing the iconic BST. The BST is currently an incomplete long distance multi-use trail that is the central spine of many trail master plans for municipalities across the Wasatch Front. The trail is currently incomplete due, in part, to it entering three federally designated Wilderness Areas (Mount Olympus, Twin Peaks and Lone Peak), making trail building difficult, interrupting continuous multi-use access, and as a result, discouraging diverse investment and volunteerism into these sections. As an incremental solution, the BSTAA would minimally move the current Wilderness Area boundaries where this overlap exists in order to align with the existing or future BST sections. This simple and appropriate solution would facilitate the advancement of building those sections and making them available for multi-use non-motorized recreation as originally envisioned for this regional asset.

As mentioned, trail building in this geographical location is challenging and requires mechanical equipment not authorized in federal Wilderness Areas. This bill will alleviate that complexity. Wildfires along the Wasatch Front are a continuous threat along the wildland urban interface. According to the Forest Service, "existing or newly constructed forest trails can be effective firebreaks if properly maintained." If utilizing the BST as an access point, a firebreak, and a defensive feature are all possible, having its entirety out of federal Wilderness Areas will streamline management and ensure the quick response that's critical for firefighting crews.

The BSTAA will also help foster a consistent management approach of the BST across the forest service lands it traverses, which will drive more attention to trail building and streamline efforts to fundraise for



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new development. The expansion of this trail will incentivize more individuals to get out and ride, which will benefit local communities and serve as an economic draw.

In Utah and across the country, IMBA works and relies on strong relationships with our local on-the-ground partners. Therefore, while it is not necessary to do so, we appreciate the recognition of the importance to our local partners in having an offset of new Wilderness for the Wilderness acres removed for the BST. We believe the parcel identified northeast, up Mill Creek Canyon, is a perfect property to be added to the Mt. Olympus Wilderness and adequately replaces the Wilderness acres removed. In fact, doing so will amount to a 2:1 ratio offset and will replace the removed acres with an aesthetically and environmentally higher quality parcel. This is a balanced solution that IMBA and our locals can stand by, defend, and fully support.

A version of this proposal was formerly included as one component in the Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act in 2016. The critical support behind the complex Central Wasatch Proposal has since dissolved, and as we understand it, has no future path forward in sight. Additionally, while the BST adjustment component was included in that proposal, it was often plagued by threats of removal by some parties when concerns were raised about the efficacy of the bill language in achieving the intended goal. This gave us pause in continuing down the path of remaining connected to the Central Wasatch proposal. While the Central Wasatch proposal mentioned above is outside the scope of IMBA's mission, we acknowledge the importance it holds for our local partners, many of whom want to see the issues involved sorted out and the support regained. That proposal is complex and fraught with technical challenges that are well beyond our expertise and resources. Therefore, we appreciate the independent support for the BST component of that package and the recognition that we must get it right in order to advance the completion of the BST. The BST must continue forward as the Salt Lake Valley population continues to grow and the demand for trail connectivity follows. This will help make that happen for the people of Utah.

Thank you for your support of outdoor recreation in Utah by sponsoring the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,

David Wiens, Executive Director  
International Mountain Bicycling Association





March 10, 2021

Representative John Curtis  
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Provo, UT 84604

Dear Representative Curtis,

I am writing to you to express our strong support for your efforts to secure a future for the **Bonneville Shoreline Trail** as a mixed-use recreational resource here along the Wasatch Front. As you know, the Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Act (CWNCRA), a large and exceedingly complex bill, was originally introduced in 2016 but has since stalled and is now in disarray. Needed wilderness boundary adjustments to achieve a multi-use Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) in Salt Lake County that were also included in the bill have recently taken on new life as the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act (BSTAA) at your behest. For this we are incredibly grateful.

Originally conceived of as a “shared-use” mountain bike friendly trail, the BST is Northern Utah’s most important regional trail and was identified in 1999 as one of sixteen Millennium Legacy Trails nationwide. To date almost 90 miles of the BST have been constructed around the perimeter of our densely populated northern valleys and another 23 miles have been approved and ready for construction. Hundreds more miles of trail link directly to the BST as it has become the organizing centerpiece of local trail systems along the Wasatch Front and beyond. The BST is incorporated into recreation master plans for numerous municipalities and counties and will continue to serve as one of our most heavily used and best-loved recreational amenities here in the state of Utah.

The unfortunate situation where private property constraints and terrain impediments have forced the trail into several wilderness areas where bikes are legally prohibited in Salt Lake County is unique to the entire length of the BST. This means that trails cannot be built or maintained using mechanized equipment and are off limits to organized events of any kind. The BST, like many other trails that exist in the open spaces immediately adjacent to neighborhoods and developed areas are now important elements wildfire response planning. Moving the wilderness boundary along the western slope of the Wasatch will allow for rapid deployment of fire fighters in these critical areas and allow them to use mechanized gas-powered equipment to quickly clear fire breaks and put down potentially destructive wildfires. Adjusting these boundaries in Salt Lake County so the BST can exist as a shared-use recreational trail open to mountain bikes as it was originally conceived, will accommodate the largest number of users, and cement the BST as the crown jewel among Utah’s regional trails. It will also help land managers to better maintain trails and help keep nearby neighborhoods safe from the increasing threat of summer wildfires.

We feel strongly that the BST wilderness boundary adjustment is a minor piece of the larger CWCNRA bill that can and should move forward independently without affecting the other goals, objectives, and

agreements of the legislation. Minor boundary retractions where wilderness extends down to private property and busy roadways will help create a corridor for human movement, a consistent management paradigm for public land managers, and a seamless trail experience for those who participate in the increasingly popular sport of mountain biking. Perhaps most importantly, these boundary adjustments will help create an outstanding recreational resource away from congested canyons and more sensitive high alpine and watershed areas.

We believe it is also important to include provisions in the BSTAA bill that will permanently protect any of the lands removed from wilderness from future development of any kind. This includes locating any future utility infrastructure on these properties. The addition of such a provision will help us work with our partners in the conservation community who are resistant to seeing the loss of any wilderness acres and have regrettably declared their opposition to the BSTAA.

Trails Utah (TU) is wholly in support of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act and the possibility for realizing the goals originally set forth in Mountain Accord and CWNCR for the BST. We feel it is important that there is no net loss of wilderness in the bill and can only support it with added wilderness acres to achieve an offset. The 550 acre parcel formerly belonging to the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) Camp Tracy not previously included in the Grandeur Peak Wilderness proposal has excellent suitability for Wilderness designation as it is surrounded on three sides by the Mt. Olympus Wilderness Area. These secluded acres are comprised of an old-growth conifer forest that cloaks an area known as Green Gulch, a far cry from the dry, noisy acres above I-215 where wilderness currently exists.

The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act is good for the people of Salt Lake County and can help secure an outstanding trail experience along the foothills, close to where people live and work, reducing car trips and impacts to our canyons and watersheds. Your sponsorship of this bill is deeply appreciated by the trail advocacy community and trail users everywhere.

Thank you so very much for your time and support for trails!

Sincerely,

*Sarah L. Bennett*

Executive Director, Trails Utah



March 16, 2021

Congressman John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03)  
3549 North University Avenue  
Yorktown Building, Suite 275  
Provo, UT 84604

Dear Congressman Curtis,

About 14,000 years ago a large, majestic lake covered what is now northern Utah. The evidence of the ancient Lake Bonneville extends throughout Salt Lake, Utah, Weber, and Cache counties. We have the opportunity to pay homage to our geologic beginnings while also looking toward the future by completing the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail has the potential to be a destination trail. Much like the Pacific Crest Trail, the John Muir Trail, or the Appalachian Trail. A trail so extensive and connected that people will want to travel to Utah, just to hike or mountain bike, the entire trail. However, unlike those other extensive trails, it can also be used everyday by the surrounding communities as a true urban interface trail. A trail that people will walk their dogs on in the evening after dinner. A trail that will allow for a quick trail run before or after work. A trail that could serve as an alternative commuter trail for people that work downtown or students who want to mountain bike to the University of Utah. We have the opportunity to make this one of the great multi-regional trails.

Herriman City built their first section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail in 2018. Traversing the Herriman Hills, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail in Herriman connects neighborhoods and serves as the main artery of the Herriman Trail System. Now the trail serves women's weekly hiking groups, the high school mountain bike and cross-country teams, and lots of active citizens just wanting to get outside for a breath of fresh air. Trail runners can get in several miles of dirt right from their homes, and children can mountain bike to their friends' homes in different neighborhoods without ever having to touch pavement. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail truly adds to the vitality and health of our community, both physical and mental.

To have a trail that connects several counties, as well as provides an east/west corridor for trail users should be of the utmost priority as we plan for the future of Salt Lake Valley. As our population continues to explode, we need to provide access to nature and wilderness areas by means of true urban interface trails like the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. I feel the best way to 'save our canyons' is to get people to take ownership of them, by providing an easy pathway for humans to get outside. Trails provide this pathway, while simultaneously conserving open space. Please push for the realignment of wilderness area to facilitate the building of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jo Darton  
Chair, Herriman Trails Committee



March 17, 2021

The Honorable John Curtis  
125 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
Sent via email to [aaron.clark@imba.com](mailto:aaron.clark@imba.com)

RE: Letter of Support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act (BSTAA)

Dear Representative Curtis:

As founding members of Cache Trails Alliance (CTA), we have considered the basic information expected to be contained in the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act (BSTAA), a bill that would remove parts of Birch Canyon from wilderness designation, thereby allowing mountain biking on a trail that currently exists in the canyon. We heartily endorse this bill.

The Birch Canyon trail minimally encroaches into current wilderness and is therefore technically off-limits to biking according to a strict reading of current wilderness rules. To provide perspective, if the trail varies further than one-hundred (100) feet from the center-line of an existing motorized vehicle road in Birch Canyon, it encroaches into designated wilderness. At some points, the trail varies nominally further than the prescribed one-hundred feet; there-in lies the rub.

Like most canyons in the area, the access road, trail corridor runs along the

Our ideal situation is to align the oversight role of the US Forest Service (USFS) with the goals, hopes, and usage of our local trail community. Our experience is that the local branch of the USFS is entrenched, prescriptive, and inflexible, making alignment between the user community and the USFS difficult. This is especially true when dealing with the trail in Birch Canyon, because of the wilderness issue and because the USFS is frustrated with the way the trail was built. While the BSTAA will not address systemic issues within the USFS, it does represent a continued momentum shift toward the reality that the mountain biking community is an important

and growing stakeholder among those who recreate on public lands. As a local trail community, CTA recognizes the importance of encouraging multiple stakeholders to “Get out there!” and recreate on public lands, regardless of the mode of recreation. We expect that removing obstacles like the wilderness designation in Birch Canyon will further accomplish this objective.

Since inception, CTA has rallied our local trail community around adopting and caring for our local trails. Our members are passionate about our stewardship for our local trails. We have formally (and informally) adopted and cared for many of our local trails and have logged thousands of volunteer hours working on these trails. Additionally, CTA members have purchased land along the historic Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) with the intent of developing the BST and preserving this trail system as a legacy for our community. The BST runs along the east bench of Cache Valley and ties together many of our canyon trails including Birch Canyon. As such, we endorse the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act (BSTAA), which will remove parts of Birch Canyon from wilderness such that the trail can be used by our local mountain biking community and be more fully integrated into our local BST trail system.

Thank you for considering our endorsement of this bill. Kind regards,

Paul Gibbons, Paul Richins, Brent Thomas  
Founders and Trail Stewards, Cache Trails Alliance

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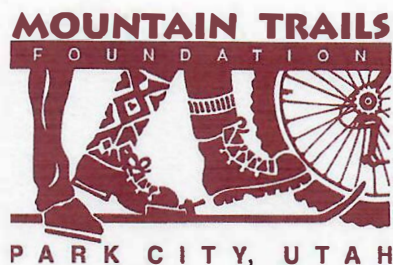
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March 10, 2021

Congressman John Curtis  
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Dear Representative Curtis,

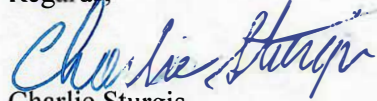
I am writing you today in regard to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail is an outstanding recreational resource for communities all along the Wasatch Front and a significant contributor to the active, healthy lifestyle that Utah is famous for. This trail is arguably the most important regional trail in northern Utah and needs all the help it can get where it traverses the western slope of the Wasatch through Salt Lake County.

As the Executive Director of the Mountain Trails Foundation in Park City, I have seen the explosive growth in the popularity of trail-based outdoor recreation over my tenure here. Trails, especially those that are easily accessible from neighborhoods and workplaces, have helped to shape our community, make it a truly vibrant place to live and increased property values. Our trail systems are not only valued by our residents but also by thousands of tourists who visit annually to hike and mountain bike in our area, adding substantially to both our local and state economies.

A final consideration, from my perspective as someone actively involved in managing and maintaining trails, is that mechanized methods of trail building and maintenance are extremely important in creating and maintaining natural surface trails. It is also important to have a consistent management program in place along the length of the trail to ensure trails can be properly cared for and provide a seamless recreational experience for the user.

The Mountain Trails Foundation supports your efforts to adjust wilderness boundaries to allow for a shared use Bonneville Shoreline Trail in Salt Lake County and we encourage you to move forward with The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Regards,

  
Charlie Sturgis  
Executive Director  
Mountain Trails Foundation



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Reasons why the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) Advancement Act would benefit bike businesses:

- Families regularly use the BST and connections would make the trail more accessible.
- The completion of the BST would support mountain biking in Utah. This benefits my business and the local economy through the creation of jobs, increased tax revenue, increased tourism and providing greater opportunities for cyclists who are interested in exploring the entire Wasatch front.
- Many trails on the Wasatch Front are closed during cold weather. The expansion of the BST would improve riding opportunities throughout the year and incentivize more individuals to get out and ride.



Educating about, promoting, developing and maintaining bike trails in the Greater Salt Lake Valley.

12288 S. 900 E., Draper, UT 84020

To: Honorable John Curtis, Representative UT 3rd Congressional District

Re: Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act

Date: February 28, 2021

Congressman Curtis-

I am the director of the Salt Lake Valley Trails Society, Salt Lake County's mountain bike trails group. We are a non-profit that builds and maintains trails throughout the County on public lands for hikers, climbers, equestrians and MTBers. Specifically, we represent the County's 80,000 mountain bike enthusiasts and, in 2019, staged over 40 volunteer trail work projects, utilizing nearly 600 volunteers to accomplish thousands of hours of trail maintenance and building. First, let me thank you for efforts on behalf of recreational trails, especially the legislation that you recently introduced to boost funding. As confirmed in 2012 and 2017 studies, trails are the number recreation amenity desired by SLCo residents and your work to improve funding is greatly appreciated.

Along those lines, I understand that you have developed legislation to help complete the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). Statutorily designated as Utah's Millennium Legacy Trail, UCA §79- 5-503, the BST is the primary trail resource for the vast majority of the Salt Lake Valley's 1.1 million residents. A cherished trail by residents across the Wasatch front, the BST is intended as a multi-use trail (see, BST Trail Design Memorandum of Understanding) serving fire protection, hikers, cyclists and equestrians. However, its functionality as a multi-use trail is interrupted by Federally designated Wilderness, as it skirts the edges of the Mt. Olympus, Twin Peaks and Lone Peak Wilderness Areas. The boundary adjustments required to accommodate the BST multi-uses are well considered, carefully defined and would have no impact on the

characteristics of the land or its wildness, as much of it is within in eyesight of I-215, roads and area residences, and would remain under National Forest Service protection. These small removals would connect existing sections of the BST, making for better access and fulfilling the promise of those who worked across dozens of jurisdiction to envision Utah's Millennium Legacy Trail.

Your efforts to advance the BST at this time is sorely needed as the CWCNCRAA process is stalled and SLCo continues to grow and develop. On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of trail enthusiasts in Salt Lake County, I would like to encourage you to develop and promote legislation that advances the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. Thanks for your consideration and support of outdoor recreation along the Wasatch Front!

Kevin Dwyer

Executive Director, Salt Lake Valley Trails Society



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March 17, 2021

Representative John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03)  
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Yorktown Building Suite #275  
Provo, UT 84604

Dear Representative Curtis,

I am writing in support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act (BSTAA). As the Executive Director of a nonprofit, NGO, trail building organization that has constructed and maintained a large portion of the 26 miles of the BST in Weber County, I can share some insights on the benefits of the BSTAA will bring.

The BST is Northern Utah's most important regional trail. To date almost 90 miles of the BST have been constructed on the perimeter of our densely populated northern valley's. Another 23 miles have been approved and ready for construction. Currently, a 45-miles corridor is in the USFS Salt Lake Ranger's queue to issue a Decision Memo for the construction and reconstruction of the BST covering the entire length of Davis County.

Hundreds more miles of trail link directly to the BST as it has become the organizing centerpiece of local trail systems along the Wasatch Front and beyond. The BST is incorporated into recreation master plans for numerous municipalities and counties. In some areas, private property constraints and terrain impediments have forced the trail into Wilderness areas in several locations.

#### Use of mechanized equipment in construction.

Trails Foundation has observed the public use of the existing trails has increased exponentially over the last several years. The users include hikers, bikers and equestrians. Many of the trails in Weber County and the surrounding areas were constructed with manual methods and more primitive trail building techniques. Over time, trail builders have improved their techniques and rely more heavily on mechanized equipment to construct trails that can sustain the increasing number and types of users.

Additionally, the newer techniques and mechanized equipment are being used to decrease the incidents of water-caused erosion. The changing weather patterns are bringing longer dry periods, so the trail surface becomes pulverized from use. The less frequent rainstorms are heavier than the past. The increased water flows cause greater movement of the pulverized soil.



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Unfortunately, proposed or existing trails in the Wilderness cannot be built or maintained using mechanized equipment which will lead to quicker wear of the trails and a degradation of the user's experience.

#### Management of mountain bike use

A secondary concern is that muscle-powered bicycles are not permitted in Wilderness areas. In Weber County, there are sections of the BST constructed on an approved easement on private property. It is permissible to use electric assisted mountain bikes on this section. This section of trail seamlessly enters US Forest Service land where electric assisted mountain bikes are currently not permitted. It is difficult for a trail user to know when the property lines are crossed. Yes, the boundary can be signed, but enforcement is very difficult.

A similar situation will occur for muscle-powered mountain bike riders on sections where the BST seamlessly enter a designated wilderness area. Adjusting the Wilderness boundaries will eliminate the management and enforcement issues with muscle-powered bike users.

#### Offset to potential loss of Wilderness acreage.

We believe the writers of the BSTAA are being responsible in considering the impact of the boundary adjustment by requiring the addition of Wilderness acreage equal to or greater than that which is lost.

In conclusion, I am asking for your support for stand-alone Federal legislation that will adjust these boundaries in Salt Lake County. Minor boundary retractions where Wilderness extends down to private property and busy roadways will help create a corridor for human movement, a consistent management paradigm for public land managers, and a seamless trail experience for those who participate in the increasingly popular sport of mountain biking. Perhaps most importantly, these boundary adjustments will help create an outstanding recreational resource away from congested canyons and more sensitive high alpine and watershed areas.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aric W. Manning". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aric W. Manning  
Executive Director



Congressman John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03)  
125 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman John Curtis,

On behalf of Contender Bicycles Inc., a retail bicycle establishment with locations in Salt Lake, I'd like to express our enthusiast support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Contender employees nearly forty employees and plays an important role in helping keep our community healthy and sane. With a growing population, access and improvement to trails is important for our community. It is also important to businesses like Contender. On several occasions our staff have performed trail maintenance days on portions of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). There is pride and ownership amongst the community for this trail. The trail is is frequented by people enjoying all sorts of activities. It is an awesome resource that has potential.

If approved, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act would facilitate completion of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). BST is currently a long distance multi-use trail that is the central spine of many trail master plans Wasatch Front. The trail is incomplete because it enters three federally designated Wilderness Areas (Mt Olympus, Twin Peaks and Lone Peak). The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act would minimally move the Wilderness Area boundaries for the BST sections that currently enter into the federally designated areas.

The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act will foster and create a co-management approach of the BST across the federal estate (USFS). This attention to trail building and streamlined efforts to fundraise for new development and expansion of this trail will incentivize more individuals to get out and ride, benefiting local communities and bike businesses.

We appreciate your support for outdoor recreation in Utah and encourage you to introduce Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,

Ryan Littlefield  
Owner, Contender Bicycles





Congressman John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03)  
125 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman John Curtis,

On behalf of Skullcandy, the global lifestyle audio brand based in Park City, UT, I'd like to express our enthusiastic support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Skullcandy is the #2 personal audio brand in the United States in market share, just behind Apple. We are distributed at 80,000 retailers globally and sell through everything from mass market retailers to independent specialty shops, many of whom are based in the Salt Lake area. We employ approximately 150 associates in Park City, UT who are extremely passionate about outdoor recreation. We contribute to local non-profits such as Mountain Trails Foundation and the National Ability Center in support of access to outdoor recreation. We leverage the accessibility to outdoor recreation in Salt Lake and the surrounding area as a recruiting tool and as part of our culture. In fact, I spoke about this at the Governor's Utah Economic Summit last year.

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We appreciate your support for outdoor recreation in Utah and encourage you to introduce the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,

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Congressman John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03)  
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Feb. 1, 2021

Dear Congressman John Curtis,

On behalf of SRAM LLC, a global manufacturer of innovative bicycle components , I'd like to express our enthusiastic support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

SRAM components can be found on mountain bikes at all bicycle retailers and tourism operators in Utah. We are proud of our role in the \$750 million annual revenues from cycling in Utah.

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We appreciate your support for outdoor recreation in Utah and encourage you to introduce the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,

Ken Lousberg CEO

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February 9, 2021

Congressman John Curtis  
U.S. House of Representatives (UT-03)  
125 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman John Curtis:

On behalf of Jenson USA, an online retailer of bicycles, parts and accessories, I'd like to express our enthusiastic support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Jenson USA is headquartered in Riverside, CA and employs over 100 full time employees in four states. We supply over 200,000 active cyclists per year across the United States and actively support programs and initiatives that expand access to, safety of, and infrastructure necessary to protect cycling nationwide. In addition to the thousands of orders that we ship to Utah annually, many of our customers from other states travel to Utah for access to their biking trails on vacations.

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We appreciate your support for outdoor recreation in Utah and encourage you to introduce the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,

Michael Cachat  
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March, 2021

The Honorable John Curtis  
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Dear Representative Curtis,

I manage Speed Mountain, a small bike shop in Logan, Utah. I've worked at a few different bikes shops, one other in Logan and one in Ogden. In Ogden, I saw how much additional accessible trails influenced people to travel to ride and get outside. I experienced first hand how a few extra miles of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail helped create an influx in business among the 4 bike shops in Ogden.

I also have helped with the high school mountain biking league here in Utah. It's great to see kids get out on their bikes and focus their attention on their health. One issue though is that with an increase in users it has made it somewhat difficult to find trails to practice on without overwhelming other users. We really need more trails that are accessible from the valley. Birch Creek Canyon is a great trail that allows people to climb the road and work on their fitness then descend the singletrack. It's a perfect trail for allowing high school teams to practice without overwhelming the area or other users.

I fully support having wild lands. I believe some protections need to be in place to keep people from permanently influencing the area. I do feel that Birch Creek Canyon doesn't effectively convey what wilderness is. With the motorized access visible from anywhere in the canyon, I fully support a boundary realignment via Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act (BSTAA). I especially support a fair trade for wilderness elsewhere that would benefit more from the protection.

Sincerely,

Aaron Mecham  
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# WESTERN SPIRIT

C y c l i n g   A d v e n t u r e s

February 3, 2021

The Honorable John Curtis  
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Dear Representative Curtis,

Western Spirit is North America's premier mountain bike outfitter, specializing in helping clients achieve their cycling destination dreams. Our mission is to get more people outside, while striving to protect fragile desert and mountain environments. We understand the power and importance of truly unique outdoor experiences, but also take time to encourage responsible public land use outlined by the International Mountain Biking Association, as many of our backcountry campsites are in remote and unimproved landscapes. This makes us uniquely situated to fully understand and support the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act as a way to better organize and manage Wilderness boundaries.

As the backbone of many master trail plans along the Wasatch Front, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) is a long-distance multi-use recreational trail which provides a trail experience for the densely populated northern valleys for ninety miles. Requiring further trail building, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Completion Act would marginally relocate wilderness boundaries to accommodate trail expansion through Mt. Olympus, Twin Peaks and Lone Peak wilderness study areas. A more manageable wilderness boundary would lead to less backcountry social trails, preserving the environment as a whole.

We support this bill to extend and improve the BST as a responsible approach to encouraging outdoor enthusiasts to use designated trails, a practice we model for clients, and maximize recreational opportunities. While requiring 225 acres to extend the BST, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Act would offset this boundary movement by including 478 acres from a parcel acquired by the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Service offering a net increase in Wilderness. Previous legislation has set a precedent for this exchange of land to create a maintenance corridor and extend the BST.

As a strong advocate for enhancing sustainable recreational opportunities throughout Utah, we write in support of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,



Ashley Korenblat  
CEO, Western Spirit



Dear Congressman John Curtis,

On behalf of BikeFlights.com, a bicycle shipping service for cyclists, I'd like to express our enthusiastic support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

BikeFlights.com started shipping bikes in 2009 to help fellow cyclists adventure with their bikes. In our first year, we shipped just a handful of bikes. Eleven years later, we've helped over 723,000 cyclists ship their bikes, wheels and gear around the country and around the world. We currently partner with over 20 Utah bike shops and collaborate with a half dozen major bike events in Utah. We also have many customers and several staff members who live and work in Utah.

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We appreciate your support for outdoor recreation in Utah and encourage you to introduce the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,

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Dear Congressman John Curtis,

On behalf of Pivot Cycles, a leading domestic mountain bike manufacturer and Tempe, Arizona employer, I'd like to express our enthusiastic support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Pivot Cycles has long believed in community investment, with particular dedication to the development of youth cycling in the state of Utah. As a platinum level sponsor of the Utah High School Interscholastic Cycling Association, we have helped the league achieve year over year 25% participation growth in student athletes, and 40% participation growth in coaches. We provide bikes, ambassadors, post-ride food, and general event support, and have observed firsthand the growing youth mountain biking movement in Utah. Cycling infrastructure in Utah directly benefits the High School League, and offers young people access to programs founded upon sportsmanship, community, health, and trail stewardship.

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We appreciate your support for outdoor recreation in Utah and encourage you to introduce the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Cocalis", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Congressman John Curtis  
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Dear Congressman John Curtis,

On behalf of the Kona Bicycle Company, I'd like to express our enthusiasm for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Kona Bicycles, founded in 1988, supplies bicycles to over 400 dealers thro U.S. and employs 50 staff members at our world headquarters in Ferndale 22 of our independent retail and rental customers do business in the state which is widely known as one of the premiere mountain biking destination world. Our company was founded in the same year as the International Mountain Bicycling Association and have been a strong supporter of their organization since.

As we understand it, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act would facilitate completion of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). BST is currently a long distance multi-use trail that is the central spine of many trail master plans Wasatch Front. The trail is incomplete because it enters three federally designated Wilderness Areas (Mt Olympus, Twin Peaks and Lone Peak). The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act would minimally move the Wilderness Area boundaries for the BST sections that currently enter into the federally designated areas.

The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act will foster and create a co-management approach of the BST across the federal estate (USFS). This attention to trail building and streamlined efforts to fundraise for new development and expansion of this trail will incentivize more individuals to get out and ride, benefiting local communities and bike businesses.

We appreciate your support for outdoor recreation in Utah and encourage passage of the BSTAA.

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Dear Congressman John Curtis,

On behalf of Kuat Racks, I'd like to express our enthusiastic support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

If approved, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act would facilitate completion of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). BST is currently an incomplete long-distance multi-use trail that is the central spine of many trail master plans across the Wasatch Front. The trail is incomplete because it enters three federally designated Wilderness Areas (Mt Olympus, Twin Peaks and Lone Peak). The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act would minimally move the Wilderness Area boundaries to align with the BST sections that currently enter into the federally designated areas.

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Kuat Racks supplies products to more than 700 bicycle retailers throughout the United States with over forty of those retailers located in Utah. In 2015 we partnered with The National Forest Foundation to help plant over 350,000 trees, most of which have been planted in fire-damaged National Forests within the US. We also support numerous cycling initiatives nationwide.

We appreciate your support for outdoor recreation in Utah and encourage you to introduce the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,  
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Congressman John Curtis  
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Dear Congressman John Curtis,

On behalf of **Niner Bikes, a manufacture of mountain bikes**, I'd like to express our enthusiastic support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

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We appreciate your support for outdoor recreation in Utah and encourage you to introduce the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,

Chris Sugai  
President



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Congressman John Curtis  
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Dear Congressman John Curtis,

On behalf of Orbea and as a long-time resident of the state of Utah and both Salt Lake and Wasatch Counties, I'd like to express my enthusiastic support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Orbea is bicycle company headquartered in Spain, selling bikes into 23 countries including the United States. And while we are interested in growing access in all parts of the world, Utah is of particular business interest. Because of the outdoor lifestyle that Utah residents value so fiercely and abundant access to public recreation lands, Orbea's Utah sales rank consistently in our top-three states, with almost \$1M annual turnover. By partnering with best-in-class, neighborhood anchor retailers like Contender Bicycles in Salt Lake (9th and 9th), Biker's Edge in Kaysville and Poison Spider Bicycles in Moab, we've established a lasting home for our business here.

It's this same access to recreation that encouraged me to make Utah my home again almost 20 years ago. After living here twice previously - as a student at Utah State University and much earlier as a 5th grader at Burton Elementary in Fruit Heights, I fell in love with the mountains, the deserts and the trails. More recently, while living in Salt Lake City for 15 years, I got to know not only the BST, but some of the folks on the board responsible for trail upkeep. I attended several trail maintenance sessions repairing water damage, improving access points and talking with trail users. I learned first-hand how many runners, riders, hikers, students, seniors, kids and dogs of every size consider the BST an invaluable recreation asset - not just a trail but a symbol for the reasons we live in Utah.

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I deeply appreciate your support for outdoor recreation in Utah and encourage you to introduce the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act. I am at your disposal if you wish to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Congressman John Curtis  
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Dear Congressman John Curtis,

On behalf of Hammer Nutrition, an industry leader in fueling athletes of all sorts, I'd like to express our enthusiastic support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Hammer products can be found in health food stores, bike shops, and locally owned and operated outdoor storefronts across the great state of Utah. Not only do our products power racing and recreation, but Hot Shot crews and first responders also make up a considerable amount of our products that are sold & donated in Utah and across the Western States.

The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act would facilitate completion of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). BST is an incomplete long distance multi-use trail that runs along the edges of the Salt Lake Valley, and could provide more close-to-home recreation access for many residents. BST also acts as the central spine for trail master plans across the Wasatch Front. The trail is incomplete because it enters three federally designated Wilderness Areas (Mt Olympus, Twin Peaks and Lone Peak). The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act would minimally move Wilderness Area boundaries to align with BST sections that currently enter into the federally designated areas.

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We appreciate your support for outdoor recreation in Utah and encourage broad congressional support for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act.

Sincerely,



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