

Q- Additional Comments, Questions or Concerns that you would like to share re: American Fork Canyon and Snowbirds efforts to commercialize it...

### Answers

Please save our canyon by keeping it multi use with responsible use and no development.

As a concerned citizen I believe it's important for 100% transparency on plans for the canyon. Citizens feedback and opinions need to be taken into consideration long before any decisions or plans are made on what the future holds for development, if there be any at all allowed to take place in the canyon.

Silver Lake Summer Home Owners Association Have been so far left out. We would like to be informed and participate as this will directly affect us.

Leave AFC wild!

Snowbird/Alta have already spoiled the pristine nature of Mineral Basin. Let's not let it happen elsewhere in the Canyon.

I am glad to see the collective efforts coming together on preservation of one of Utahs most prestine Canyons. Thank you to the organizers and many ciitizens who continue to push this issue forward which will serve the better interest of all who enjoy recreating in American Fork Canyon. We are with you !

I feel there is no need to expand the current ski area. By expanding the current areas into American Fork Canyon, the mountains and areas will be forever changed. Recreation for nearly a million people will be taken away. Millions of people visit the area every year. How is it fair to take government owned land from the people who pay for it and use it, to one select group of people?

I'm disturbed that there has been so little media exposure on this topic. I've been reading a lot of information, but none of it is on the official government sources. I'm sure there may be info, but you have to dig for it, like I'm sure these other people have done.

I'm going to call it as I see it. Snowbird, aka "big money" wants to make more money by offering extended access into new territory. Okay, it may be a stretch to say they'll make more money. It depends on their ultimate goal. I see conflicting info, one source, mostly from Snowbird sources, stating they only want to extend lifts further into Mineral Basin. But other sources say they have discussed dining and warning huts and maybe even lodging in the Mineral Basin. I, for one would like to see some sort of information with their ultimate end goal. The saying "give

them an inch and they'll take a mile" comes to mind. I would like to see some real, concrete impact studies, not just hearsay. I'm sorry, but this does not sound at all like is meant to improve the canyon as one group says. It sound like a few people will be lining their pockets at the public and wildlife's expense.

I'm going to make some comparisons here. The new highway through Provo canyon, as understandably necessary as it was for the increased traffic, was heartbreaking for how much removed from nature you are now. It's no longer a place to go to enjoy the outdoors. For all the good fishing there is there, it's not a relaxing experience at all with the noise of the traffic. But that's nothing that can be helped I suppose, when you have a growing population that needs to get from one place to another. However, on the complete flip side of the coin, American Fork Canyon is a destination in and of itself. No one commutes through the canyon to get to work, no semi trucks drive through to deliver goods to stores and warehouses. The only reason people go up America Fork canyon is for relaxation and recreation. I see many surveys on sites pertaining to this topic showing that people are traveling great distances to use the canyon such as south Utah county and even Salt Lake and Davis counties. Why is this? Because it's the last untouched, undeveloped canyon. People crave the solitude and the beauty of the canyon. Could there be some upgrades such as a biking shoulder? You bet, There is definitely room to add a few feet on each side for that. But to widen the road enough for more traffic and buses? You're talking major impact damage. Like Provo canyon impact. And paving the road past Tibble Fork? How? You're talking digging into the side of the mountain and impacting or destroying the river. This would mean the loss of the last wild canyon in the area. It would be a tragedy. The canyon is already used by so many people for so many other outdoor activities, the added traffic and people would be devastating to the wildlife. Lets keep American Fork Canyon a wild place, an undeveloped place, a serene place to visit. A place to be part of nature, not overrun and drive out nature. Keep American Fork canyon as it is. Say no to further ski run development and yes to nature!!

Please do not allow commercialism of any kind in American Fork Canyon. It needs to remain as is.

See the video we created about our concerns as a local 4WD club.

I feel that commercialization of Am. Fork Canyon and or bringing in a gondola from twin peaks to Tibble Fork Reservoir will have a negative impact on the environment, wildlife, and critical resources that come from the canyon. I am against this plan of Snowbird expanding into Mineral Basin and I am in support of protecting and preserving the canyon.

I am the current Miss American Fork. I would love to be involved with this issue. I have lived in American Fork/Highland my entire life and the canyon is very

important to me! It was a staple in my childhood and continues to be now that I am in adulthood. Please feel free to contact me for additional help!

There is ABSOLUTELY NOT REASON TO DEVELOP THIS CANYON, EVER!!  
BIGGER IS NOT BETTER!!

Please listen to the people for once.

We have 10 resorts in the small wasatch range. There are very few places left to get away from civilization and commercialism of our mountains. Keep American Fork Canyon free of such atrocities!

I feel American fork canyon has a very good balance of mixed use. I see no need to commercialize and open the door for use to lose more land use. I can only hope that my grandchildren and those that follow will be able to physically enjoy the beauty of nature and the impact it makes and not just reading about it in a book or electronic device.

This is the only multi-use canyon left on the Wasatch Front. We have several ski resorts nearby. Don't turn American Fork Canyon into just another wide road leading to a ski resort. Please leave us one canyon for camping, fishing, hunting, hiking, atv riding, etc. Let those from far and near enjoy this endangered multi-use canyon. At least let the public have a say before it becomes another victim of big money and big development.

Enough is enough! Ski resorts in Utah have had their way long enough. Rider numbers do not justify expansion, so this can only be about development.  
No more!

Funny (as in odd, not amusing), I was thinking that a vacation to Utah should happen in the next year or two, but the way the government is screwing around with public lands, I'm thinking my money might be better spent visiting another state.

So far my feeling is Mountain Accord is an attempt by the developer/ski business community to pretend to include open space advocates in order to get what they want. All the transportation suggestions border on the ridiculous. We've been through this process numerous times with public sentiment leaning to open space and minimal development but since that doesn't mesh with the "build everywhere" mentality of the power brokers they start the process again with a new name.

I'm up the canyon camping every other weekend. It's a beautiful canyon that I love to visit and enjoy. I would like it to stay exactly how it is right now.

American Fork Canyon is at a major risk, and it is very obvious that the owners of Snowbird have no desire to help protect and preserve, rather they would like to exploit, ruin, and make personal monetary gain.

It is scary what they are doing, and how sneaky they are being with everything. They know that it is wrong. It is very apparent that they are trying to keep their "ideas" secret. And that's not cool.

My children and grandchildren have grown up and enjoyed this canyon their whole lives. To treat one of the greatest treasures in Utah and, in my opinion the nation, as just another investment property to be exploited is a travesty that us and future generations would regret for years to come.

I've had some of my best memories in this canyon, starting from my first years fishing up at Silver Lake, to going up Mary Ellen Gulch in my first Toyota. This canyon is one of Utah's treasures.

If Snowbird is allowed to take over the upper canyon, access to the canyon would be raised by approximately \$44 per person. That would simply eliminate most of the people who currently use the canyon.

This would have a devastating impact on those who go to the canyon to get away from technology, from their neighbors, from traffic and noise.

Save our lands....

Please don't take Utah's best canyon away from the public. Build your mansions elsewhere or go fill one of the hundred vacant ones in the valleys below. Just because you have a bunch of \$\$\$ does not make you entitled to build on OUR public lands. Back off

Our Wasatch Range is so small. Please, we can't afford to exploit it like this. We won't have anything left. Money won't make you happy. Wilderness can't be bought.

While I don't currently live there I was born in Alpine and lived there for 25 years. This canyon was and continues to be my favorite cave ever visit, and I have played in a lot of canyons. I return to Utah several times a year and I always

spend time in the canyon. Please don't ruin a canyon with yet another ski resort, we simply don't need them but we do need the peace and solitude the canyon in its present state provides to everyone who cares to walk amongst the trees

Commercial development in American Fork Canyon would change it completely. Snowbird should not be allowed to encroach into lower American Fork Canyon. leave af canyon alone snowbird no matter what they say will shut down hunting and motorcycle use they already have before. the mineral rights up there should be nullified nobody will ever be able to mine again same with big/little cottonwood.

This canyon consist of narrow roads and sharp turns which adds to the beauty of the canyon. To increase traffic more will destroy the natural habitat that now exist. Keep the canyon to limited access. I am all for progress in the valley. Quit destroying our mountains for greed. Snowbird makes enough money on the elite skiers, condos, etc. Why grab more natural habitat. Keep American Fork Canyon status quo. Stay- out

This is sad to me.I went to the meeting June 16 and I'm very concerned about this. I grew up in this canyon. I went up with my dad hunting and as a boy scout. Took my wife up the canyon to spend quality time when we were dating. As a husband and father I have taken my family up the canyon to continue the traditions my parents had done. We still go hunting , fishing, horseback riding etc. . . I'm not ready to give up on AF canyon. It's my canyon. It's your canyon, not theirs to do what ever they want. I feel it's going to take every one that feels the same way to save it. So I say let's get involved before it's too late

This is the people's land, not to be traded to the highest bidder. Stewart Falls has already been encroached on and has destroyed the majestic views it once offered. Don't take even more from people who enjoy the true meaning of nature.

Our canyon is just that... OURS. It is for all to love and enjoy. American Fork Canyon needs to remain that way and not just become more exploited lands of the wealthy.

I would be very ecstatic to see American fork canyon left as it is. I will protest if a decision is made to develop it in any way, shape or form.

The public needs to be involved. American Fork Canyon is ours to enjoy and should be protected from development and anything else that would limit access and/or recreational opportunities in the canyon. Snowbird, the Forest Service and the Mountain Accord need to be open and transparent in this process. Also, since

this land swap involves land in Utah County, the Mountain Accord must include representatives from Utah County. It's time to bring this issue into the light and out from behind closed doors.

I have a very personal connection to the canyon. My great-great-grandfather on my mother's side is Martin Hansen, the discoverer of Timpanogos Cave. My ancestors on my father's side helped settle Pleasant Grove and spent a lot of time exploring and enjoying American Fork Canyon. My roots run deep in the canyon and I want to see it protected so that my children and grandchildren can benefit from the same types of opportunities I and my ancestors have had to enjoy the canyon.

This has been kept quiet and Snowbird said at Fox Hollow meeting that the vote on July 13 will not be moved back. the canyon is already over used especially on weekends. I read the paper everyday and I have heard nothing about this until a few days ago. This should be stopped. Shareholders have had no input. The government officials, Save Our Canyons, Mountain Accord, and AF Canyon Vision have totally failed in this process. All of the canyons on the Wasatch Front should have been included from the beginning as should have all citizens and stake holders who are involved in and use all of the canyons. This is not just about the Cottonwood canyons and the resort areas. This is about all of us and our future.

American Fork Canyon is the last remaining canyon that has not been developed for the purpose of financial gain by big corporations. I greatly enjoy American Fork Canyon exactly how it is, with very minimal development. If this development happens, the individuals and corporations responsible will NEVER see a single penny from me. I will no longer drive up that canyon or utilize any of the facilities they construct and you have my word that I will utilize my right to free speech, protest and protect one of the few remaining natural canyons along the Wasatch Front.

I really hope this comes to a reasonable understanding.

i would love to be a part of what you are doing. Please feel free to contact me. I'll help however I can. I want to live in a state where democracy wins over the interests of a few profit motivated corporations and statesmen. Please let me know how I can help.

What does snowbird have planned? Will off-roading be loss forever up AF. Canyon?

Although I don't mind being contacted, please don't let this be a personal thing. I know none of the players involved and have no angst toward anyone. Everyone needs to make a living, but as critical as outdoor experiences are, the number of people AF Canyon provides exercise and family together to is much more important. This idea makes the fee required to enter the canyon a pleasure. Leave it alone!

This is a BAD IDEA!

AF Canyon is great JUST THE WAY IT IS and shouldn't be commercialize or having access denied due to "private property".

American Fork Canyon is one of the only safe havens left for locals. We don't need to create another large commercial canyon. Keep it small! That's why people enjoy it!

There is all ready to much taken from the canyon. You can not Find any Camping spots that people can afford anymore as is. What is going to happen now. So far the Two major Lower campgrounds Little Mill and Granit flats are at Least \$21 a night. Plus the cost of everything else it is almost cheaper to get a motel room. That \$21.00 is not counting the fee to get up the canyon. It is sad that those under 65 and even seniors and disable can not afforded to go camping. When people get less then 700.00 a month for social security. Then there are the ones that make minimum wage. 300.00 every 2 weeks how are they supposed to be able to go camping for any length of time? Camp fees are to high as is with No real Camp areas as is. This is going to take even more camp areas from us and raise fees even more.

The great thing about AF canyon is that it ISN'T liked the other popular canyons in Utah. It's purely for non-skiing and snowboarding experiences. It's for families to enjoy the outdoors all together, at all ages. Please don't ruin that.

Why do something that impacts many but only benefits a few?

I grew up in Alpine and after moving out of state have returned to Alpine so that I can be close to the mountains, which have always been home to me. American Fork canyon has always been a safe haven for me, it was a place I could escape troubles and be grounded in nature. I continue to experience that and want that for my children as well. I strongly oppose the privatization of the canyon!!!

In my opinion, American Fork Canyon is one of Utah's most pristine canyons. Adding a major development like this would definitely take away from this. Public opinion in this matter should be considered and highly valued.

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They need to leave our canyon alone!!!!

American Fork Canyon has always been our first choice for family recreation. Over the years more and more of our favorite places have been taken from us. Most due to Snowbird ski resort. We have plenty of great places to ski but very few to do what we love to do. Their encroachment is destroying what many enjoy for the benefit of a few.

American Fork canyon needs to remain a natural haven that allows the public to experience nature and wildlife. We cannot continue to lose our public lands and opportunities to spend time in nature.

American Fork is pristine and untouched and that is the reason so many people flock to it. It's one of the only places in Utah where you can truly go o escape.

Ski resorts & condos will destroy the peaceful, Surrounding the canyon now offers. We don't need to commercialize the only place in Utah county where we can enjoy nature at its fullest!!!!!!

I don't like snowbird at all. They are only in it for the rich.

My family has been going to amarican fork canyon for as long as I can remember we have done so many things up there I would love for it to stay as it is so I can take my kid to camping etc up there as I have done my whole life .amarican fork canyon still to this day is my favorite I drive almost 100 miles to go up there American fork canyon is not just another canyon it is a place of history between gold mines and grave yards the first place I camped and a place I want my family to know and enjoy

American fork canyon should be preserved, not developed. Don't ruin it.

A.F. Canyon need's to be preserved as it is. This I believe to be a way to turn the canyon into a Snowbird II. We have lost a lot of this beautiful canyon to "progress" all ready. It used to be a tree covered road with beauty at any corner. That is no longer. We need to protect what is left. I can see the "gated" property now. This canyon belongs to the communities that it serves "NOT" the developer's. Do Not Mess.



AF Canyon is one of my favorite places to go, as I am usually up there almost every weekend enjoying all that it has to offer. It would be a total shame to take this away from the people who love it as much as I.

We have enough ski areas in Utah. I ski and I don't want to see anymore of the canyons I enjoy for hunting gone to ski resorts.

Obviously our elected officials cannot be trusted.

If a swap did occur, all activities allowed at present should continue. Best result would be to keep the area as it is for future generations to enjoy.

I was born in Am Fork, although I now live in Florida. Please do nothing more to hurt or keep us all away from my canyon.

I would like to respectfully request that Snowbird not be allowed to expand further into American Fork Canyon. No gondolas, no condos, no privatizing of this beautiful public land.

I am a hiking enthusiast and a regular in American Fork Canyon. I know all the creeks, peaks, trails, lakes, and canyons intimately. It really is one of a kind. No ski resort, even the best in the world could touch it. I want my kids and their kids to be able to experience the serenity, beauty, history, untouched wilderness opportunities the canyon provides for years to come.

It wouldn't be right to close areas of the canyon to the majority, to add only another area to be used by the minority.

I have lived at the base of American fork canyon almost 25 years. To commercialize such a beautiful and peaceful canyon would be sickening. There are few places remaining that have not been destroyed by companies, let's save this.

Leave AF canyon alone. We do not need more areas for ski resorts. This is one of the nicest canyons on the Wasatch Front. One of the few that still accommodates hunting, hiking, fishing, mt biking and not that crowded.

Time to get some politicians who don't pander to the wealthy...  
My family and I are avid runners and cyclists who frequently enjoy exercising down American Fork Canyon. I know that several half marathons and 5k races are held down American Fork Canyon, and many people train there as well. When I go on runs in the mornings, I meet many people who are also enjoying exercising up or down the canyon, not just on trails. I am really concerned that more development north of Tibble Fork will force the road to be widened into a highway and any running up or down the canyon will become completely unsafe for runners or cyclists. Allowing Snowbird to develop the area like this would completely take this option away from citizens.

American Fork Canyon is too valuable of a public location to justify any privatization that would restrict public use. Private, commercial development of that canyon would take it away from public use. One of the blessings of living along the Wasatch Front in Utah County is the close proximity to residential areas of American Fork Canyon and its beauties and virtues for outdoor activities. It would be a crime to privatize those virtues and by so doing restrict their availability to the public at large. I can not envision any overriding private value that would justify taking it out of the public domain.

There are enough ski resorts. This OPEN AREA should NOT be shut down for private enterprise. Keep American Fork canyon the way it is.

**NO MORE SKI RESORTS ON THE WASATCH FRONT. WE HAVE PLENTY OF PLACES TO SKI, BUT WE ARE LOSING ALL THE HUNTING/FISHING/ATV RIDING AREAS.**

This is the first i've heard about this through the Utah Wildlife Network (UWN). Shouldn't something with such a large footprint be out in the open for all to see? More time and outreach is needed - especially with so much impact to public lands with what has been proposed.

American Fork Canyon is a close sanctuary for people to get away quick from the hustle and bustle of life. Adding a resort there will take those feelings away and turn AF canyon into a resort canyon, traffic will go up, resorts will be built, housing will be added. Let's keep American Fork canyon just that, American Fork canyon and all that it entails. We do not need to keep adding cottonwood canyons along the entire Wasatch front. Let those canyons keep the resorts, Let AF canyon be for purely outdoors, not business's.

this is an absurd idea keep the canyon wild. there are plenty of places to ski utah. our summer recreation dollars hunting/fishing/mt biking accumulates just as much revenue as the ski industry. why not respect there voices as well  
Once this land is swapped it will never come back. There is plenty of land available to ski on at the present time within the current developed boundaries of Snowbird and other surrounding resorts.

The land that is under consideration for the swap can already be used for skiing, you just have to get there under your own power.

We do not want American Fork Canyon to be turned into a little cottonwood, big cottonwood canyon look alike. I know that is not the intent. We need to protect and preserve AF Canyon and keep it

Please keep our great pristine Utah landscapes in tact. Do not use development to permanently scar such a great place of natural beauty that is so hard to come by, and will ever increasingly be harder to find in this world of rapid development. AF canyon is a treasure of solitude and the outdoors. We don't need ski runs or gondola's or condo's in it. There are plenty of places in Utah to get those items and very few left that offer what AF Canyon offers. I've been hiking and camping in that canyon since I was a boy and to destroy its pristine wilderness for the sake of commercial gain would be a true tragedy. Don't ruin one of the gems of Utah County for the sake of greed.

I can't express my concern enough. Please, please keep our canyon serene and as natural as possible.

American Fork canyon is know around the world for its Rock climbing.

We also need to protect our water. Please don't just give it away.

would prefer to see NO DEVELOPMENT of this beautiful land as it would ruin the pristine beauty. Let it be. Protect it! Thanks!

American Fork is a gem. There are few other canyons along the Wasatch Front that provide the various uses that American Fork provides. American Fork canyon already provides plenty of outdoors activities for many many people in Utah County.

This canyon is one of the few places I can go to cycle and not feel like I will be mowed down by a vehicle. It is a beautiful canyon that doesn't need to be destroyed by people trying to make money. It's perfect how it is.

American fork canyon has become a second home for my family. We go on hikes and trail runs multiple times a week and have fallen in love with the seemingly unending splendor of it.

We would be heart broken to see any part torn down and scraped away or closed off due to privatizing and commercializing.

Please keep American Fork Canyon quiet and serene!! We don't need any more interruptions to the beautiful nature and animal life that is a part of the Tibble Fork area. We need to keep our nature protected!!

I used to work at Snowbird resort and then I went into a Vendor role for that resort as well as many others. When Snowbird went into AF canyon you saw the opportunities for many types of recreation diminish. They also had a "tour" that they conducted, those people trashed that beautiful place. They did other things that should have never been done as well. I first heard about this two years ago.

They claim that there is no adverse affect when they expand these resorts. Anyone that has been around these places knows this is not true. along with the visible effects that it creates there are also affects that are not always known about.

From my first hand knowledge of what happens at a lot of these resorts there is constantly oil, diesel, gasoline, grease and many other harmful products that are spilled/deposited on these mountains and left to go into the run off.

This needs to be stopped.

This place has my heart and keeps me sane. I'm sad that Snowbird wants to take the land and commercialize it. My hope is that people become aware of the changes that are Snowbird is wanting with the American Fork canyon and help prevent this from happening.

This deal swaps public local interest for private tourist dollars. It is unjust to ignore the public's opinion and right to access wild places. I have skied Snowbird for many seasons prior and can easily say that I will never ski there again due to such shady business practices. Stay out of my backyard! This is not progress!

It's obvious that American Fork Canyon is a jewel because all sorts of organizations, interest groups, businesses, and governments want their piece of the pie. We as citizens pay to support the canyon. We as citizens should, therefore, be able to have a say in the future of the canyon. Obviously that's not the case! Why would people in America have a say about "public" lands, that hasn't been the case for awhile!

Don't let this be all about the money. Consider the small communities near, the beautiful environment as it is. Don't ruin this! Please.

I grew up in highland at the mouth of af canyon. It is a rare treasure that should be preserved. I now live in Provo...although Provo canyon has its own beauty, it would be a tragedy to exploit af canyon in any similar fashion. Af canyon is an extension of our homes, a beautiful place to retreat, to connect with nature, not a resort.

I have fond memories of family reunions, campouts, and Sunday drives in American Fork Canyon. It is a rare beauty that needs to be preserved as is. Keep AF canyon the way it is. Preserve our natural beauty!!

Ski resorts should absolutely be prohibited from coming into AF Canyon!!!

Please leave our canyon alone

this canyon is beautiful and does not need to be ruined by money hungry people It's been so nice living here in American Fork since the great outdoors is literally just down the street. American Fork Canyon is beautiful and needs to be preserved.

I grew up going to American Fork Canyon and have many wonderful memories here. Now that I have my own children I look forward to sharing and making memories with them.

I'm a skier, but I believe this canyon is special. There is a unique peace here that I've seen in very few other places.

Please do not allow these people with their "deep pockets" and need to increase their net worth to make decisions for our beautiful American Fork Canyon. This has been so underhanded and behind closed doors. We don't need another ski resort and we CERTAINLY DON'T NEED another Snowbird. Please leave this beautiful canyon untouched and natural. Don't raise the prices for us to picnic, camp, fish and everything else that we love to do. We have lived in Alpine and Cedar Hills and we cannot afford to ski at Snowbird more than once or twice a season. The prices are ridiculous. Please consider this plea!!

Leave the canyon alone!! It gets enough use, we don't need to bring more people into it!! It will hurt the canyon so much, there will be more garbage, more traffic. There is nothing that is good that can come from this!!!

This canyon is my happy place. I hope and pray that we can make a difference.

Do not destroy what makes Utah a place that I love to live. Do not sacrifice its beauty for money.

I absolutely love that area and it needs to remain open to my children and theirs. Utah needs to stop giving into these land developers and stop listening to their wallets and not doing what is best to persevere our resources.

Outdoors is v important.

American fork canyon is one of the most beautiful sites to see in Utah (in my opinion) I grew up camping, fishing, hiking, and watching all the wild life this canyon has to offer. This is a very special place to most of not all Alpine, Cedar Hills, Highland, American fork, and other cities residence of utah county. To pervert the natural beauty and awe this canyon has to offer with ski resorts and lodging is absolutely disgusting to me. And the people (if human at all) are ok with destroying so much nature and places for all it inhabits is also sickening. It's not only a place for family fun and recreation, it's a home for so many creatures! With the way society is nowadays trying to expand anywhere and everywhere they have no sympathy or remorse to what harm they are causing wild life, ecosystems, and our land. American Fork canyon is such a peaceful and stunning place, congesting it with traffic to and from its buildings and tourism from all over the U.S. Will cause chaos and disruption to the quite cities that surround. I know the reason my family loves Cedar Hills so much is because it is calm, peaceful, beautiful, and free from overpopulation, influx of construction, and traffic. If you take into consideration what construction would need to happen on the surrounding roads just to get to the canyon, that alone would cause a magnitude of disruption and inconvenience to a majority of the population surrounding the canyon. Those roads are only one lane going either way. Changing it to a place of tourism is going to effect more than just the canyon and lives within it. But also the inhabitants surrounding that call this place home. We need to think about the bigger picture and what/who this is going to effect. We need to stand up for our home, and we damn well need a say in what is happening to the land we all love. It is unethical for snowbird officials to be doing this behind closed doors, we need to know the plan of action and we NEED to have a voice in the matter. I won't let someone destroy on of the places that means very most to me to put another dime in their pockets.

I love this canyon so much. I have grown up with it, and I would hate so much to see it get commercialized.

One of the reasons we bought a home in Pleasant Grove was access to American Fork Canyon. I raised my five children rock climbing, mountain biking,

and hiking in AF canyon. I frequently cycle to Tibble Fork. I love hiking to Pittsburgh Lake and photographing the wild flowers. Development would unquestionably alter the canyon. There is no need for this. It's time to say no to the big money.

We love American Fork Canyon just the way it is.  
It needs to be left just the way God made it.

American Fork canyon is a precious place and it needs to be protected and preserved. I grew up going there often and still do. It is a refuge, a place for so many to find peace, make memories, and most importantly enjoy the beauty. We cannot take for granted this incredible place!

Snowbird, please stay away from American Fork Canyon, you are not welcomed here. I don't come over to snowbird and take your snow, don't come over here and take my land.

I think this is so sad that this idea is even being proposed. Besides ruining the beautiful landscape and intruding on natural habitats, adding homes up the canyon will only increase traffic on a road that is not equipped to handle more. Our canyons in Utah are beautiful and they need to be left that way. Visitors should feel free to come visit our beautiful wilderness but they do not need to build a resort or more cabins up there in order to do so.

I have grown up rock climbing, hiking, and trail running up AF canyon and have been disturbed by the recent increase in traffic up the canyon. Not because I do not want others to enjoy the beauty but because of the increased volume of trash that has been left all over the canyon. More people=more trash and destruction and that is not ok.

Don't build into AF canyon!

This land is far too beautiful to commercialize. We already have enough ski resorts here in Utah. Some of my best memories in high school are up American Fork Canyon.

I would really like to see our canyon stay the way it is, looking like the way as we grew up.

Just this past weekend my family and I went camping and hiking near Silver Lake. As we were leaving my husband and I agreed that American Fork canyon is so different from all the other nearby canyons. Then we came home and heard word of the Mountain Accord and Snowbird plans and were appalled. American Fork

canyon is a unique canyon in that it has true natural beauty that you don't find up Provo canyon or the Cottonwood canyons. This canyon needs to stay different and unique.

American Fork and all of the surrounding citizens need to speak up and be heard NOW!!! We can't let this beautiful canyon be infringed upon and taken over by those who don't have the best interest of our canyon at heart!!

American Fork Canyon is one of the few places in Utah that is not a developed, tourist-accommodating area. Why do we need to change that? There are plenty of places to ski in our beautiful mountains. I will not let the sounds of machinery echo through my canyon. Can't we preserve this one beautiful canyon? If you don't listen to me, listen to Aldo Leopold. Or even the Lorax.

"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." -Aldo Leopold

"Harmony with land is like harmony with a friend; you cannot cherish his right hand and chop off his left." -Leopold

"There are some who can live without wild things and some who cannot." - Leopold

(I cannot.)

I grew up having American Fork Canyon as my backyard essentially. I really don't want it to change and to become developed as a resort. It's a nice, quiet place that's easy to access when you need a break from civilization. Turning it into a resort would change all of that. We need to preserve it in its current state. A place more untouched, peaceful, and natural.

We as a family use and have used American Fork Canyon as a recreational area for as long as I have been alive, going on 40 years. It is important for me to still have use of this canyon as it is to camp, hike, and play with my children and grandchildren, someday. The area in question, from the information I have is one of our favorite get away spots without having to go too far. I would support any action to stop development of this beautiful natural area.

PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY OUR CANYON!!!!!! Putting in a ski resort and developing the land is the absolute worst thing for AF canyon and our community. The reason I love this canyon so much is that it is undeveloped and untainted by



industry, and by adding something so invasive as a ski resort or access to a resort, this canyon will never be the same. And not in a good way.

No ski resort in AFcanyon please!!!! I don't want another place that was Gods country, turned into a monopoly.

American Fork Canyon is a resource. Not a resource to be taken by a few people with big plans, but a resource to be shared by the community. It's a resource because of its pristine nature, and it is especially valuable because of its proximity to Utah Valley. Private interests can't improve it or make it more valuable to people of this area; it is a resource because it is so relatively pristine and minimally developed.

If Snowbird has the community's interest at heart, certainly they should be willing to be transparent about their motivation and plans. However, Snowbird appears to be more interested in making their plans happen than in engaging the community and understanding what the community wants and needs. Of course, it's perfectly fine for Snowbird to pursue their interests. That's their right. But when they fail to include the most important stakeholders in their efforts (the users and residents of the Canyon), they lose credibility and are circumventing the participatory process our country is so proud of.

I am deeply concerned that Public Lands are even under consideration for development. This areas belong to the public. There is a long history of the greedy few attempting to exploit what belongs to the masses.

I practically grew up in this canyon. My first time ever camping was with my dad up American Fork Canyon. I value the fact that it is a refuge from civilization. Opening the canyon to more traffic will destroy the solitude and beauty of one of the best places on earth.

There are enough ski resorts in Utah. Leave or canyon alone.

Snowbird, dont take our canyon.

Another company trying to take our land for monetary/commercialized purposes. There's plenty of ski resorts in the state already. This would make a permanent impact during all four seasons, not just winter. American Fork canyon is one of the state's most beautiful assets and growing up in Utah County, I've spend countless hours up in this area. It would be a shame to see it's natural beauty diminished by construction and development. We need to take a stand now so

current and future sportsman and outdoor enthusiasts will have this land to utilize, free from the private sector's selfish agenda.

The proposal itself is not the factor. Citizens of Utah county are upset that there was no say on their behalf once the land included American fork canyon. Salt lake county does not have a right to override Utah county for this proposal. What can we, as citizens do to effectively fight further development? In my opinion, petitions and protests are not effective. I want to write leadership and let them know the vast majority of residents oppose this, and it seems shady to purchase what should be federally protected forest land. How can I find out who to contact (that can actually DO something) as far as representative/leadership/mayor/etc.?

The original allowance of Snowbird to enter Mineral BAsin was contingent upon No transportation nor development involving UtAh County ... Specifically up AF Canyon.

Leave AF Canyon alone!!! So many people will be effected if this new development happens. Let the canyon be so families can continue making great memories up there. A big development would deter me from visiting that canyon. Voice of the People, not the Money

Leave AF canyon alone. It doesn't need to change. We all love it the way it is now. Don't change it.

This is a major concern. I've spent my whole life in American Fork Canyon. I'm 49 years old. Disturbing the Mineral Basin area would be a major impact on the environment. If this goes through all it will do is open the door for more to come! This is wilderness area! Keep it that way!

I grew up in American Fork,Utah and spent many many hours,days,weekends, Camping,hunting,fishing,atv riding,hiking and making many memory's of those times together. I still spend as much time in the canyon. I take my kids and grandchildren to the same places I went as a kid. American Fork Canyon needs to be left as is for many future generations to have an untouched and non commercial place to enjoy. Leave the houses that few can afford and the traffic this will produce and the changes to the canyon that will molest the pristine feeling you get all over in the canyon to places such as Park City, Snowbird, ect that already have a foot print in place. Leave this canyon alone ! The Wasatch front needs a canyon environment to go to that has not been commercialized with convenience stores,homes,construction,ect and the noise that goes with it.

Please don't let them expand their resort and take over our canyon the way they have others. I like being able to hike without seeing chair lifts and fancy restaurants as if you're in the middle of the city. Please show U.S. citizens that Utah lawmakers care about more than money.

The canyon belongs to the people and must stay that way.

Closing American Fork Canyon to open recreation would be one of the saddest examples of government theft from the public that I have ever witnessed.

This is a sad example of dirty politics. Greedy business people trying to get backroom deals they know are wrong, politicians advancing their personal and conflicted agendas, forest service bureaucrats looking for ways to advance their personal position within a hypocritical agency, veiled organizations trying to pass their propaganda to lull the masses into not asking questions; while the people that reap the consequences are those without any say in the process. Without unbiased Utah County representation, the Mountain Accord land swap is not only amoral, but illegal. The people won't put up with this is. The people must be heard.

ENOUGH destruction of our mountains for ski dollars

Just last week, I spent a few days in American Fork Canyon, camping at Granite Flat. I have always enjoyed the unique beauty and solitude of the canyon, but was particularly disappointed and annoyed at some of the OHV's that were so loud that it disturbed the quite and ruined the atmosphere of the experience. I was also disappointed at the amount of trash and debris left around Tibble Fork Reservoir.

I would like for American Fork Canyon to remain open and accessible to the public, but with restrictions on OHV's and with noise restrictions, as well. Due to its unique geographical structure, natural assets, and incomparable beauty, the canyon, from the bed of the American Fork River and its tributaries, to the ridges atop the surrounding mountains, should be set aside as a nature preserve and wildlife area. Access and quite and clean use should still be allowed, but no more development or destructive use should be allowed. Hiking, camping, fishing, hunting and most light recreational uses should be preserved, but OHV's and other noisy and polluting uses should be banned, and noise and littering ordinances should be implemented and strictly enforced.

Also, in your form above, one of the fields is labeled "State/Providence", but it should be "State/Province."

I love American Fork Canyon. I am so sad to hear what may happen to it. Why would the Forest Service agree to do this land swap? Why aren't they willing to protect this beautiful canyon? Where is Utah County's Voice?

Please consider all options carefully before acting. Let's show the federal government that our state and local leaders in fact listen to popular opinion and do not make decisions outside of the common vote!

I could see this being nothing but dangerous (all the added traffic) for all the people who enjoy biking and jogging in the canyon. I MYSELF enjoy jogging in the canyon. Besides that we're running out of true wide open space in the wasatch, unadulterated by development and major roadways. American Fork Canyon is one of those last ones, let's keep it that way!

Hearing word about AF canyon was a surprise to me. My concerns are over lack of representation of Utah county in this proposal. As a scoutmaster that regularly visits AF canyon, I want to be certain that my scouts will continue to have the pristine experiences of nature that AF canyon provides so close to home.

Why does anybody care. They are going to do it anyway. Just look what they did in Alpine. Took a natural slide away from people. Took our hunting rights that we used to have in that area. It all about money and who has it. We dont. The people on the hill do and guess what rolls down hill. A big pile of shit that the officials don't care about as long as it's not in there way of the bank.

Test, had someone tell me not working

I don't know a lot about the issue because there seems to be a lot of freaking out on one side and trying to sweep everything through on the other, but I would like to be fully informed and I think people should have the opportunity and ability to do so before permanent decisions are made.

I was born and raised in Lindon and spent many happy weekends in AF canyon. Mineral Basin, upper silver lake and Mary Ellen Gultch are my favorite areas. Couple years back I was up top of Mineral Basin and noticed No Trespassing signs. I thought that I was enjoying "Your Public Lands". Now Snowbird is going to steal MORE of MY public lands? NOT COOL! I like to ski as well and I can guarantee I will do it somewhere other than Snowbird!

The story goes, Moses went to the mountains to talk to God.....and some of us still do. Please, do not turn the temple into a money exchange!

I will fight with every ounce of strength I have to stop the greedy, money loving sons of bitches that think they can turn the back country of American Fork canyon into a developed commercial property for their own financial gain. I grew up exploring that canyon and learning about its rich history, and I regularly (at least once per week) take my young family up American Fork canyon to escape the chaos of the city and enjoy the remote back country. I will literally fight to the death against anyone who believes they can destroy one of my favorite places to hike, backpack, fish, ride atvs, and hunt. Currently anyone with enough ambition can ski and snowboard the back country of american fork canyon, it is open to the public for many uses. Once it is developed it will shut out everyone who likes to hike, camp, backpack, hunt, fish, ride atvs, ride dirt bikes, off road, horseback ride, take pictures, use ham radio, picnic, mountain bike, trail run, and snowboard and ski in the back country away from civilization. Developing american fork canyon into a resort will make it accessible for the lazy bastards who want to enjoy the back country but lack the will power required to get yourself into the back country. That is what makes the back country great, the fact that not just any fat old city slicker can effortlessly come disturb the land that so many people put in so much hard work to get out and enjoy. If anyone feels the need to contact me regarding my concerns I'd be more than happy to back up my comments.

This proposed swapp is no good for anyone who recreates in the canyon 1100 useless acres in a different county to which we have little to no access no deal

Don't take away a canyon that had absolutely NOTHING to do with skiing! That's not fair! This is a beautiful place that needs to be left the way that it is there is too much wildlife that would be effected let alone already used public land. Leave it as it is! This is American Fork not Park city!

I feel like the public has no right or freedom of access to our public parks and camping grounds pretty much everything that was for the public to use for fun plesyre or anything anymore like it used to be it is making it bad for everyone even the tourists !!

These areas need to be left alone, as nature intended. There is too much commercialization already.

American Fork Canyon has always been a multi-use community participation recreation area. Ski Resorts for down-hill Skiing will only damage and eventually

end this type of participation. We need to keep Ski Resorts out of the canyon with no exceptions. People could even raise money to buy Snowbird's land and give it to the National Forest Service.

This world has enough developed land. Once we let resorts move in they will only expand over the years and further take away the untouched land. This is one of the most beautiful canyons and is a perfect little escape from the busy life below. It does not need to be filled with more roads, buildings, people, cars, buses, telephone poles, power lines, and businesses which will pollute our canyon and harm the plants and wildlife. This canyon needs to be reserved, NOT developed!

We use AF Canyon often. It's one of the only places close to us that can be used like it currently is. Back in the day we could use Big Cottonwood Canyons Donut Falls trail and Gardsmans Pass. It's all off limits now. We need to keep areas open like this so the next generation can enjoy it like we currently do. I can't afford Snow Bird. And not everyone skis.

All the campgrounds and especially, Tibblefork and the Granite Flat campground are the first place my wife and I think about when we decide to go camping and we go there several times a year with our family. We would hate to see it destroyed so that all the families that use it now would be unable to use it and enjoy it in the future

It's time for our politicians to get involved and stop catering to big money developers. They will ruin this canyon just like they have the area surround Park City and Jordanelle.

Out of one side of their mouth they speak of air pollution, then out they other their giving away our canyons. Stop!

American Fork Canyon needs to stay the way it is. it is beautiful and the reason my family relocated to Utah County. It will be a sad day if the canyon is commercialized and ruined by construction. The people do not want this land swap, only Snowbird and the people that stand to make a lot of money through the process! Do not ruin Tibble Fork or access to any of AF Canyon!

American Fork Canyon is a place of great diversity. It is the only place along the Wasatch front the has so many opportunities for a wide variety of recreational uses. This canyon belongs to the people and should never be commercialized.  
Steven Hawkins Utah ATV Association, President

I have spent my whole life in this canyon and I love it with all my heart. Snowbird has no right to take that away.

This land doesn't belong to us. It belongs to future generations. It would be a massive tragedy to develop this small portion of the Wasatch. The ski industry here in Utah doesn't have locals at heart when they make decisions, this would be an huge example of that. Go to Tibble Fork on any given weekend, walk around and talk to people. They are locals, and they are the ones that would lose out on something that they/we hold dear.

Snowbird should stay on their side on the mountain and leave AF Canyon alone! It will not only destroy what has been a beautiful peaceful, scenic canyon, but create traffic problems and with the influx of more people into the canyon will have a very negative effect on the environment, and the animals that live there. It's their canyon, we're just visitors. The land swap should be completely removed from the MA's plans.

If this happens it will be bad for everyone, we don't need more ski resorts and another cottonwood canyon

I had know idea this was even being considered. The public should always be involved to major decisions regarding public lands.

I will fight for no land swap

I'm a season pass holder at Snowbird, but Snowbird does not need this expansion.

I feel like this issue has been handled behind closed doors. I have heard that Snowbird plans to put a ski resort up our canyon and expects Utah county residents to foot a \$1 billion transportation bill, while also taking our water shares and then paying all the revenues made to Salt Lake county. I know many people who do not want a ski resort in our canyon, myself included. I haven't been able to find much in the way of facts about the issue online and I do hop to find some clarification. I don't like the way it seems that Snowbird has been secretly plotting

this buy buying water shares and snatching up any available land. I feel like they are bullying their way into this. I will do whatever I can as a citizen to protest and prevent the commercializing of our pristine canyon.

I love American Fork Canyon and want it to remain open to the public! It is beautiful and a part of the community! Don't let Snowbird steal it from the public that use it!

Please leave our canyon free from commercial enterprise with its traffic, crowds, overuse, and restrictions!

We need natural wilderness that is accessible and in its native state. Enough of the sprawl and development all for the almighty dollar. Take the condos, restaurants and downhill skiing somewhere else. People can still snowmobile and cross country ski in the land as it is now. Leave the development out. All that will do is exclude the people who currently recreate there from being able to enjoy the diverse offerings already there. Hiking, camping, fishing, rock climbing, biking, off roading and ATV use. People go to AFC to get away from the city atmosphere. To enjoy nature and it's freedom. Leave big business out of this mountain.

If Snowbird "wins" and they get the Mineral Basin area, I am concerned that the road leading up to Tibble Fork would need be widened to accommodate the increase in traffic for skiers to get to the proposed "Gondola" at the parking lot - it would destroy the natural vegetation - it would increase traffic and congestion - skiers who want to ski Snowbird can take I-15 and not ruin American Fork Canyon for the sake of "convenience" - Tibble Fork is a lovely place to go to. We don't need the area to be commercialized - keep it in it's natural beauty for all to enjoy.