



American Fork Canyon

Vision



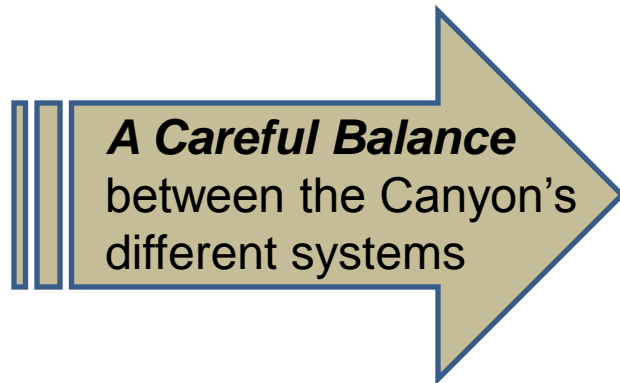
1990 Study

Connect Heber Valley to
Cottonwood Canyons to
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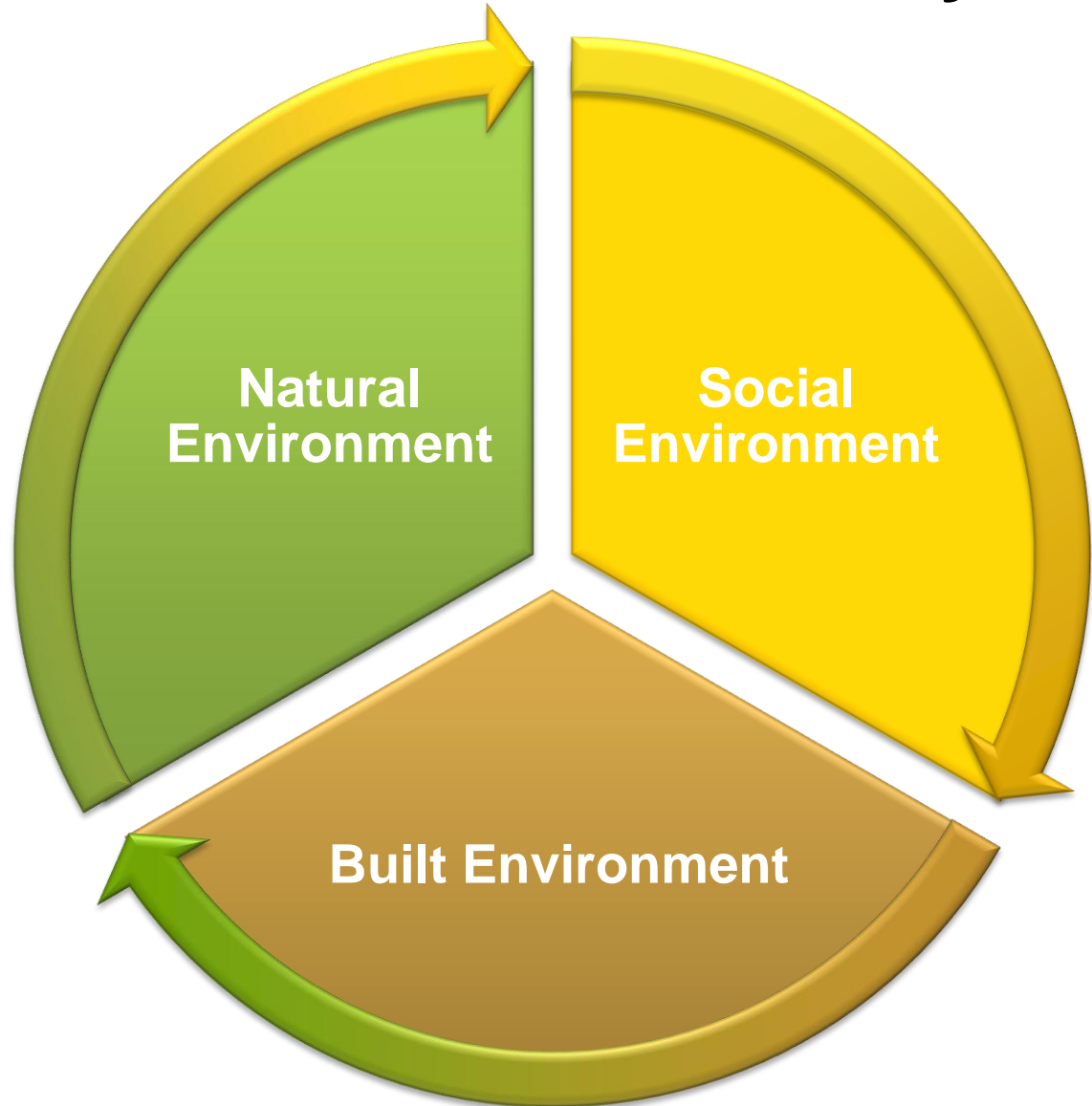
\$30M Cableway
\$500M Tunnels
\$100M Monorail

What is the *Vision* for American Fork Canyon?

- **A New Study** of Canyon use and needs



- **A Common Vision**
integrating Federal, State,
Regional, and Local
Planning



Schedule



Why AFCV now?



No coordinated Canyon planning exists among these entities

No public “Vision” for the future of AFC has ever been developed



Why AFCV Now?

Wasatch Front Population

1.5 million



2014 Population

2.5 million



2040 Population

Utah County Population

551,892



2014 Population

1 million



2040 Population

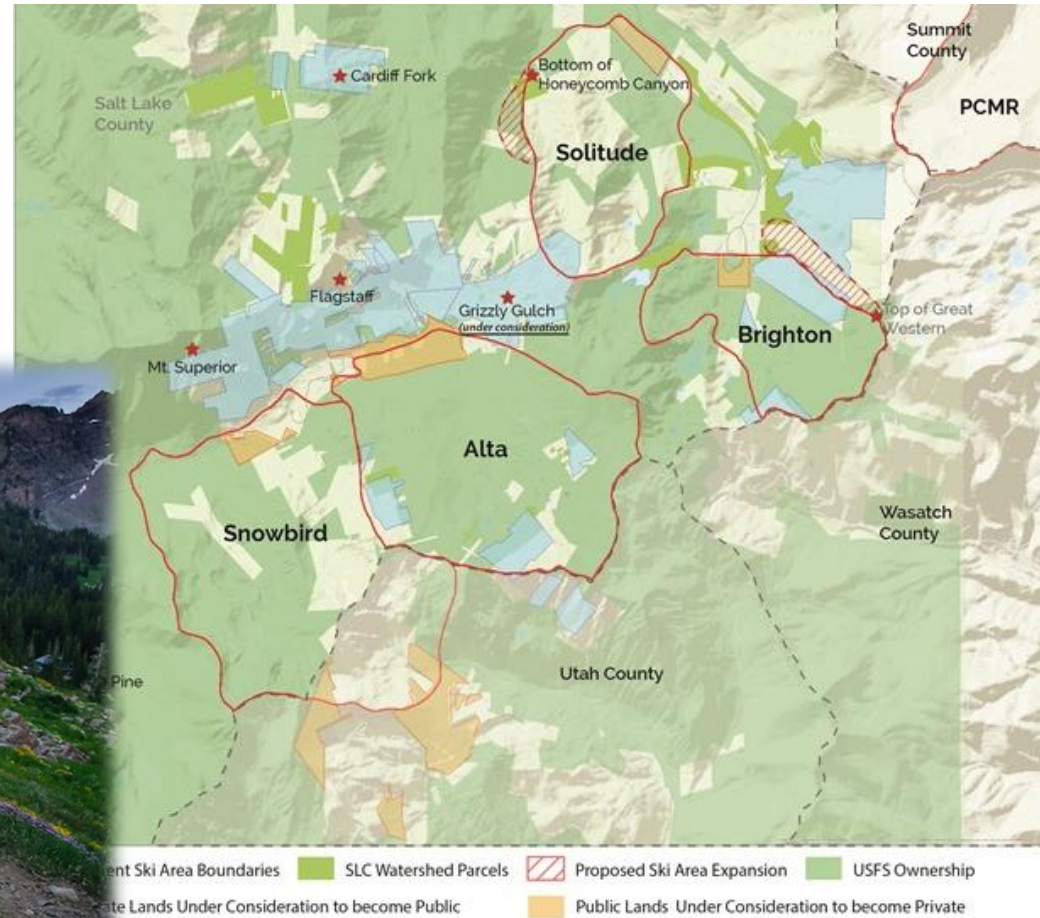
What will this increased growth mean for the Canyon?



Why AFCV Now?



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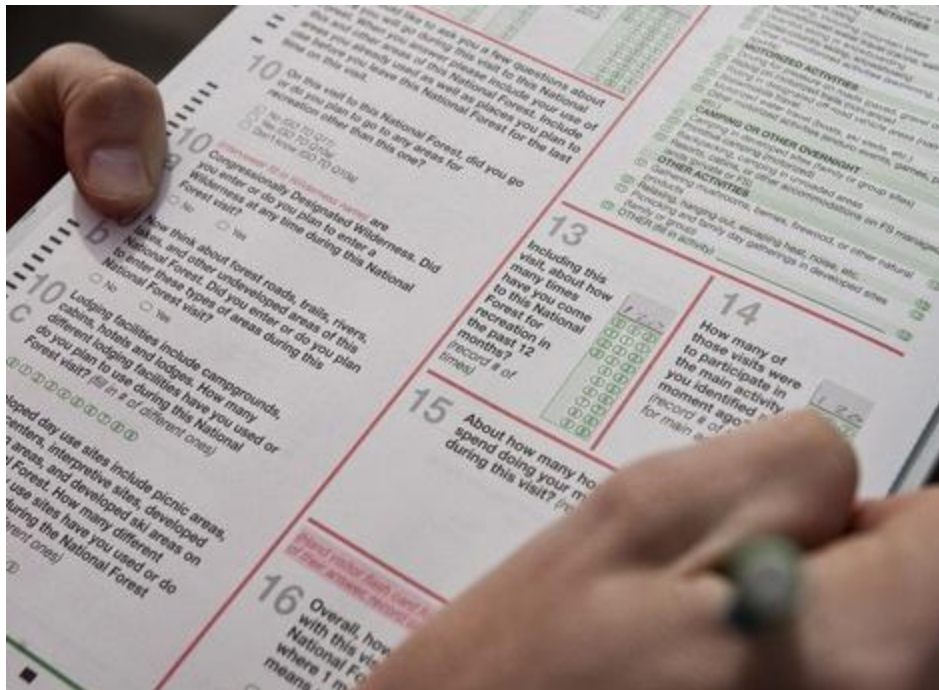


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A New Study

2015 Survey will assess Canyon use and ask key Vision questions.

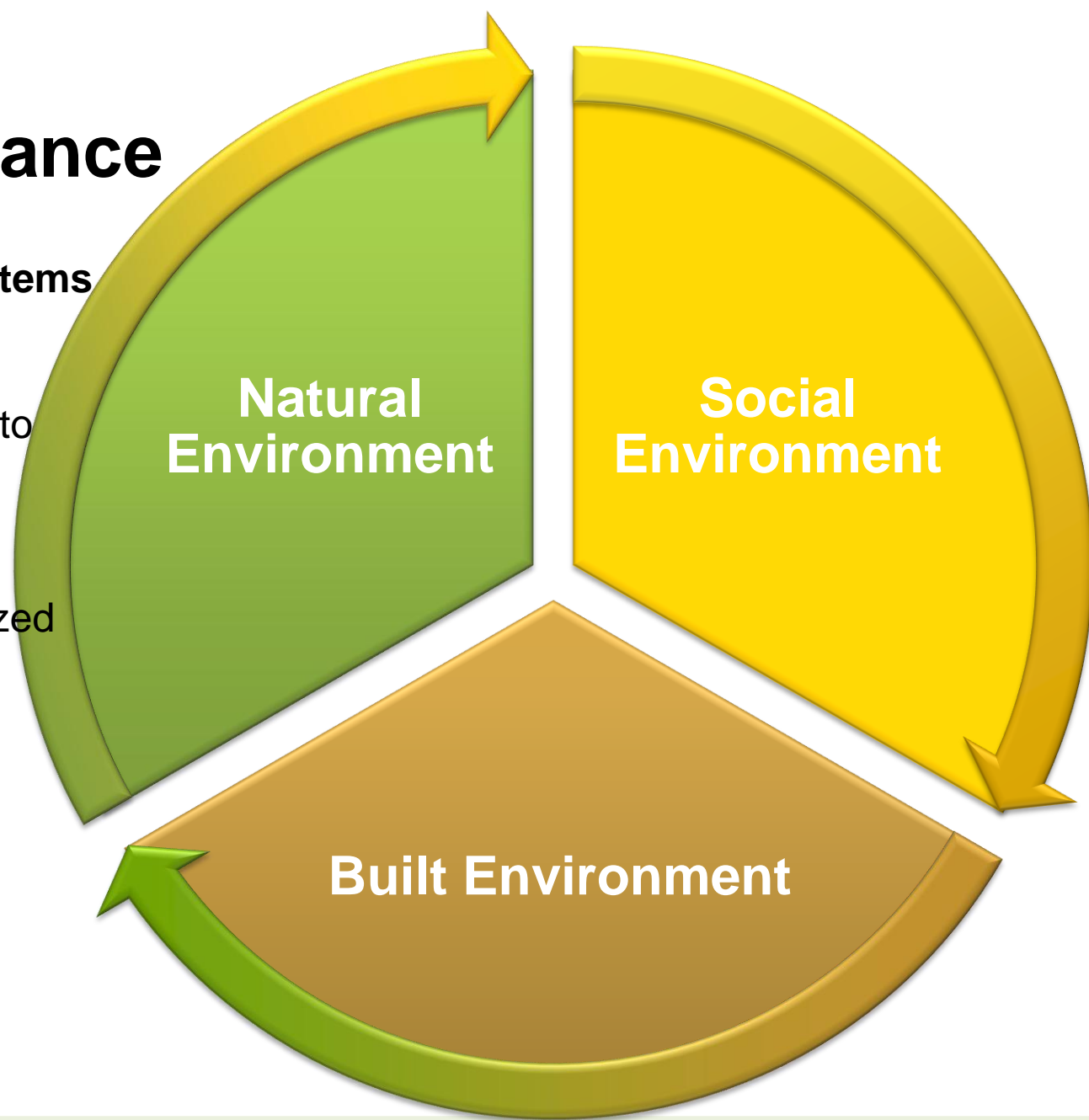
- ✓ 2,500 surveys
- ✓ Seasonal Preferences
- ✓ Investment Priorities



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A Careful Balance

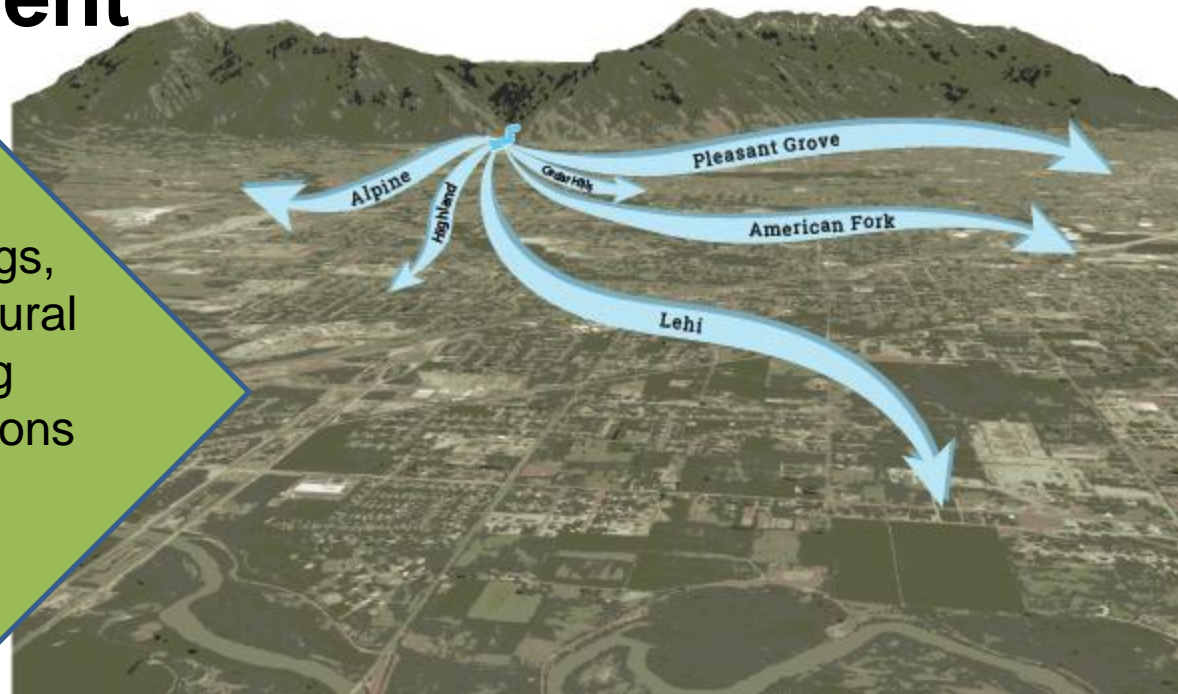
- **Three Different Systems** planned
- **Goals and Policies** to guide decisions
- **An implementation strategy** with prioritized projects
- **Permitting needs** outlined





Natural Environment

ATVs, horseback riding, dogs, and development affect natural resources including drinking water. What natural conditions should be protected or improved?





Social Environment



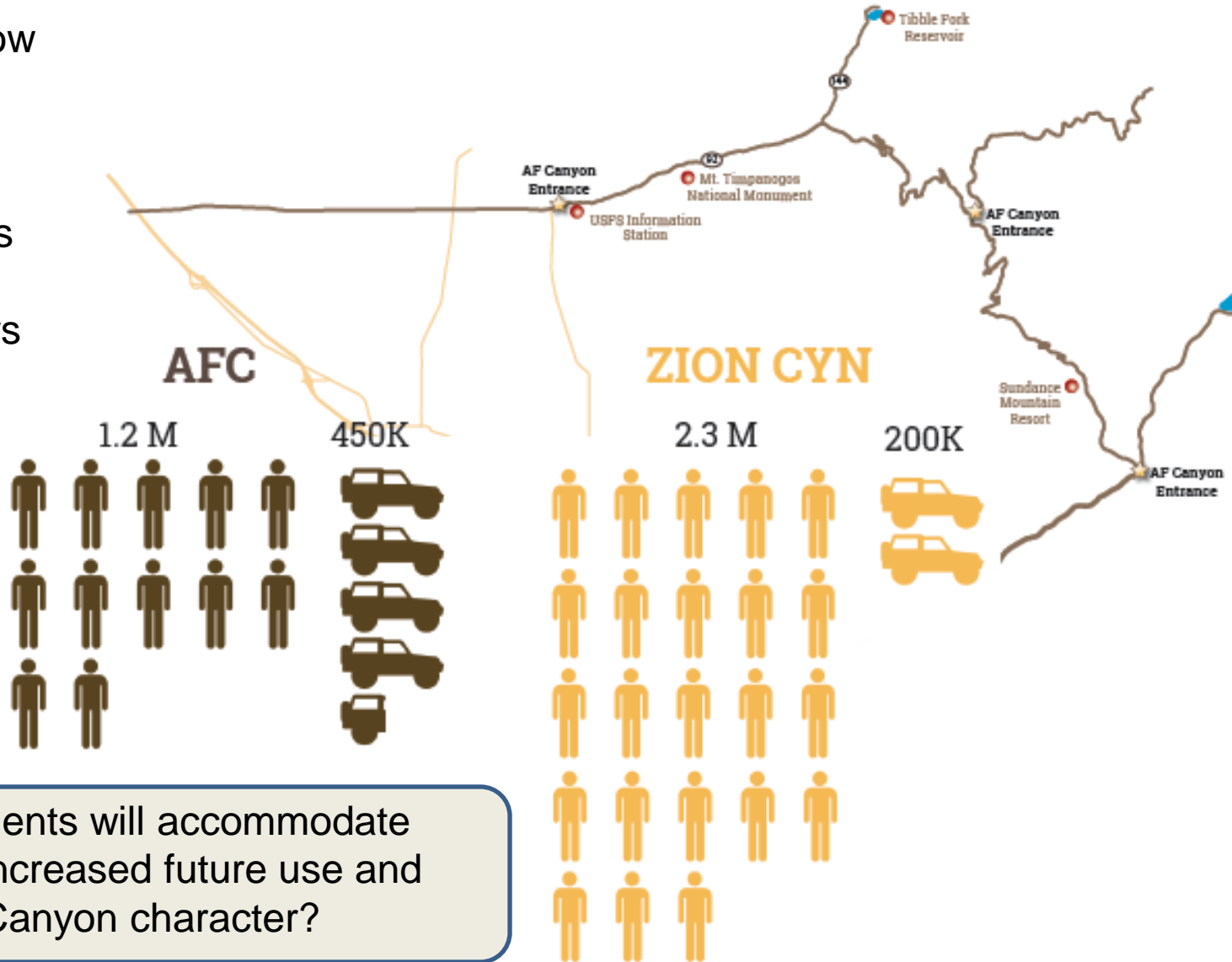
"Employees enjoy a variety of recreational opportunities. It is possible to mountain bike, golf, water ski, and snowmobile — all in one day." - Adobe Recruitment Ad



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Built Environment

- At full capacity now
- Limited parking
- Roadway hazards
- Trucks and trailers
- No bus or transit
- Bikes, peds
- Rec events
- 40+ uses



What investments will accommodate significantly increased future use and help protect Canyon character?



We will tackle

Difficult

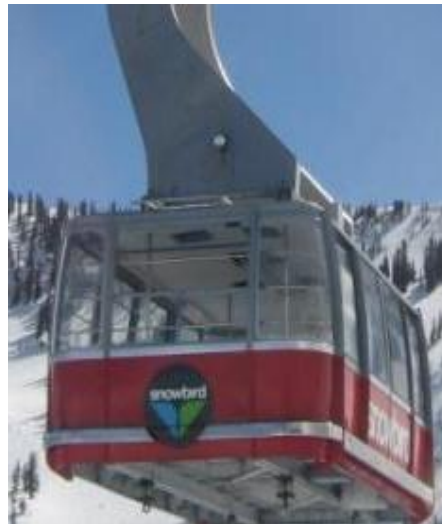
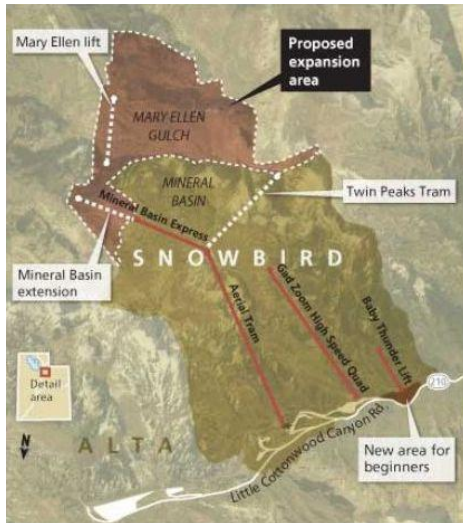
Questions



Should AFC consider a transit model?



Should AFC connect to resort destinations?



Should AFC consider land use changes?



Should AFC add more facilities or consider daily use restrictions?

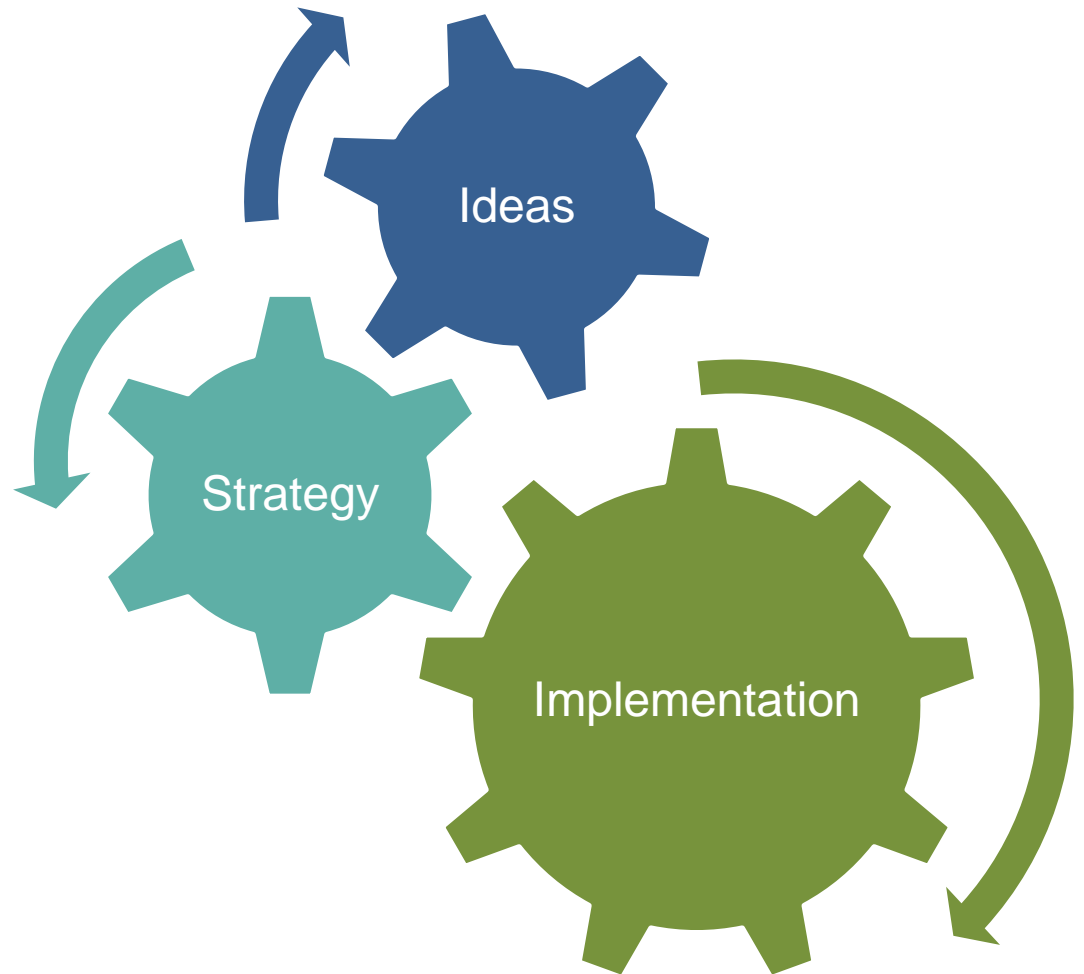


Who Implements the Vision?

Local , State and Federal governments along with Private land owners

Implementation

- Canyonwide Vision ideas adopted by Partners
- Strategies are developed and implementation formalized
- Partners implement the projects agreed upon





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Travis Gray Baby moose in mineral basin this afternoon.



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Protect & Preserve American Fork Canyon

May 26 at 9:08pm · Edited

IN OUR OPINION- ASK YOUR MAYORS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS.

WHAT SUPPORT MATERIALS WERE USED IN THE \$500K GONDOLA PITCH TO THE LEGISLATURE WHICH TURNED INTO A \$100K FUNDING WHICH HAS BEEN NAMED THE AFCVISION PROJECT? IN ADDITION re: \$50K CONTRIBUTION FROM SNOWBIRD....WHICH CAME FIRST? SNOWBIRD MONEY OR STATE FUNDING?

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT PREPARED MATERIALS / PRESENTATION GOT THE REPRESENTATIVES SO EXCITED THAT THEY WOULD GRANT \$100K. CITIZENS DESERVE TO SEE TH... See More



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AMERICAN FORK CANYON PROPOSAL FOR GONDOLA NOT BEING MET WELL WITH PUBLIC. AFCVISION PROTECT AND PRESERVE AMERICAN FORK CANYON

FAQ Question 7: What events led to the AFC Vision project?

The first major event that led to what is now the AFC Vision process was an informal proposal from Snowbird Resort to expand resort operations in American Fork Canyon

State and local governments began to consider Snowbird's ideas, and quickly realized the requirement to consider Snowbird's questions in the context of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). They requested \$500,000 in funding from the Utah State Legislature in 2014. The Legislature allocated \$100,000 to undertake a higher-level public "Vision" to consider a broader range of questions in the canyon, and to engage the public far in advance of developing funding for a specific NEPA project.

The Vision is now being run to develop high-level policy direction for dealing with private land proposals and public land management needs in the project area.



Memorial Day Mobile Workshops

Saturday, May 23rd

- 8:00AM Granite Flat Campground
- 10:00AM Tibble Fork Reservoir
- Noon Timpooneke Trailhead
- 2:00PM Timpanogos Cave

Monday, May 25th

- 7:00AM Mt. Timpanogos Camp
- 9:00AM Salamander Flat
- 11:00 AM Holman Flat
- 1:00PM North Mill/Grey Cliffs



American Fork Canyon Vision

Visitor Guide - 2015
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Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Utah-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Timpanogos Cave National Monument

Timpanogos
Reflections

American Fork Canyon Vision Project

This beautiful canyon we all love is visited by over a million people every year. Learn how you can become a part of the decision making process that will guide the future of this special place.

Do you love American Fork Canyon? You're in good company. The canyon is a natural playground for an estimated 1.2 million people each year, with Timpanogos Cave National Monument alone attracting 120,000. American Fork Canyon's clean air, challenging terrain, dramatic vistas, and proximity to the city make it an easy escape for a variety of outdoor activities.



While most people associate American Fork Canyon with destinations like Timpanogos Cave, Mount Timpanogos, and the Alpine Loop Scenic Byway, it has many other recreation activities to offer. Did you know the canyon provides access to two Congressionally-designated Wilderness areas? That it provides expert rock-climbing terrain and is considered by many the birthplace of American sport climbing? That it attracts ATV and horse owners from throughout the region since these activities are not allowed in Salt Lake County's portion of the Central Wasatch? That many road cyclists challenge the Alpine Loop daily while fly fishermen seek quiet stretches of the American Fork River? It may sit in Utah County's back yard, but American Fork Canyon is a treasure for the region, the state of Utah, and the nation.

Here's the challenge: The population of Salt Lake and Utah Counties will reach a combined 2.5 million people by 2040, compared with 1.5 million today. This increase will put substantial new pressure on the canyon and its transportation, environmental, and recreation systems. As the canyon becomes more heavily used, conflicts between uses and users will emerge and grow. Can you imagine canyon use almost doubling? How will people move around, where will they park, and what activities should be available to them? How do we protect resources and the quality of user experiences in the canyon?

2015 will be a momentous year for American Fork Canyon. Over the next year, local, state, and federal government officials, private stakeholders, canyon users, and the general public will work together to build a first-ever vision for the canyon. The vision will consider opportunities, challenges, and ideas for the canyon's future, and will identify the goals, policies, and strategies needed to get there.

Would you like to see public transit in the canyon, or would you prefer more designated parking for cars? Would you like to see improved winter-time access that provides better backcountry opportunities, perhaps even a connection to developed ski resorts in Little Cottonwood Canyon? Do you have ideas about how to strike a balance between motorized and non-motorized uses? What about more campsites, better signs on hiking routes, or road cycling lanes?



Add your voice and become part of building the vision for the future of our canyon. Here's what to do: visit the project website at www.AFCVision.com to learn about the Visioning process and to stay up to date on public events. You'll find links to important statistics, reports, and a survey that will help us understand how you use the canyon. You'll also find a web form you can use to contact the project team and tell us your own vision for the canyon. With input from all who care about this special place, it will be possible to come up with a much better vision for the entire canyon, for now and the future.

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Visit Timpanogos Cave

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Sheriff: (801) 794-3970

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Wildlife concerns

Every year, visitors bring rangers wildlife that they think are sick, injured, or abandoned. While well-meaning, touching or transporting these animals can be dangerous for visitors and for the animals themselves. In many cases, there is nothing wrong with the animal. If you come across seemingly sick, injured, or abandoned wildlife, PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE ANIMAL.



A young fawn waits for its mother

Young deer and other animals are often left alone while their mother forages. They are adapted to lie still and do not have any natural scent that attracts predators. If you move or touch these infants, their mothers may not be able to find or accept them upon their return.

Report wildlife concerns to U.S. Forest Service or National Park Service officials, but please do not touch or move any wildlife you encounter.

Thank You!

Wherever you see this symbol, you know your recreation dollars are hard at work helping to fund this project. Thank you for helping to make a difference in your parks and forests.



UTAH'S PUBLIC LANDS

Tibble Fork Reservoir

May 23, 2015





WHAT IS YOUR VISION?

BUILT ENTERTAINMENT

EXAMPLE: THE ROAD PROJECT IN THE MOUNTAINS

The goal of the project is to create a unique experience for visitors to the area. The project will be a combination of a museum and a park. The project will be a combination of a museum and a park.

NO TRAIL OR
KEEP BUILDING



Aspen Grove

May 25, 2015



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ~~• April 15th Open House Workshop, Cedar Hills, Utah~~
- ~~• May 23 and 25: Mobile workshops in AF Canyon~~
- June 6: Cedar Hills Family Festival
- July 2, 3: Provo Freedom Festival
- July 13: Open House Workshop, location TBD
- July 24, 25: Mobile Events in American Fork Canyon*
- August 3, 8: Alpine and Lindon Days
- August 20: Open House Workshop, location TBD
- September: TBA
- October: TBA
- November: TBA
- December: TBA





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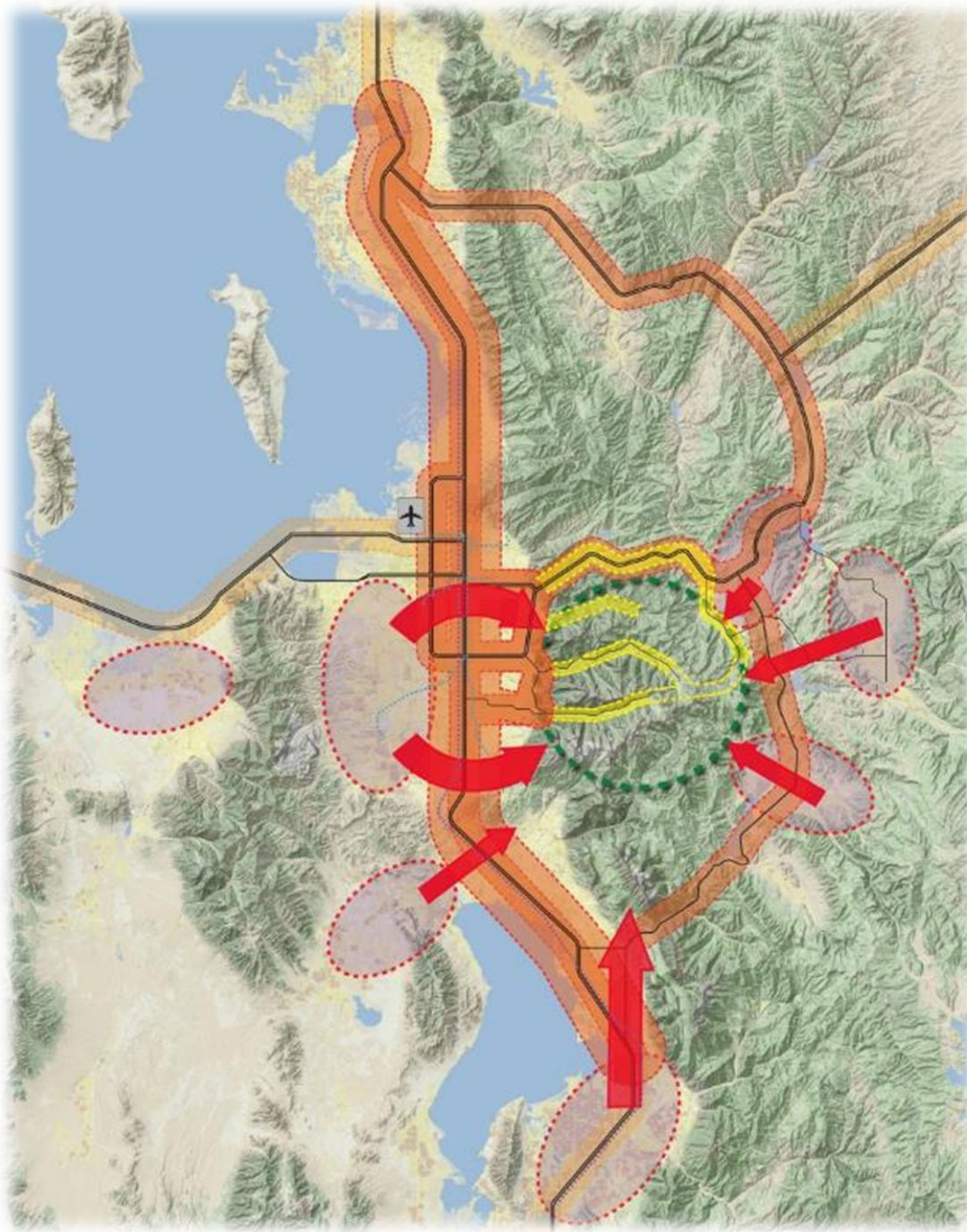


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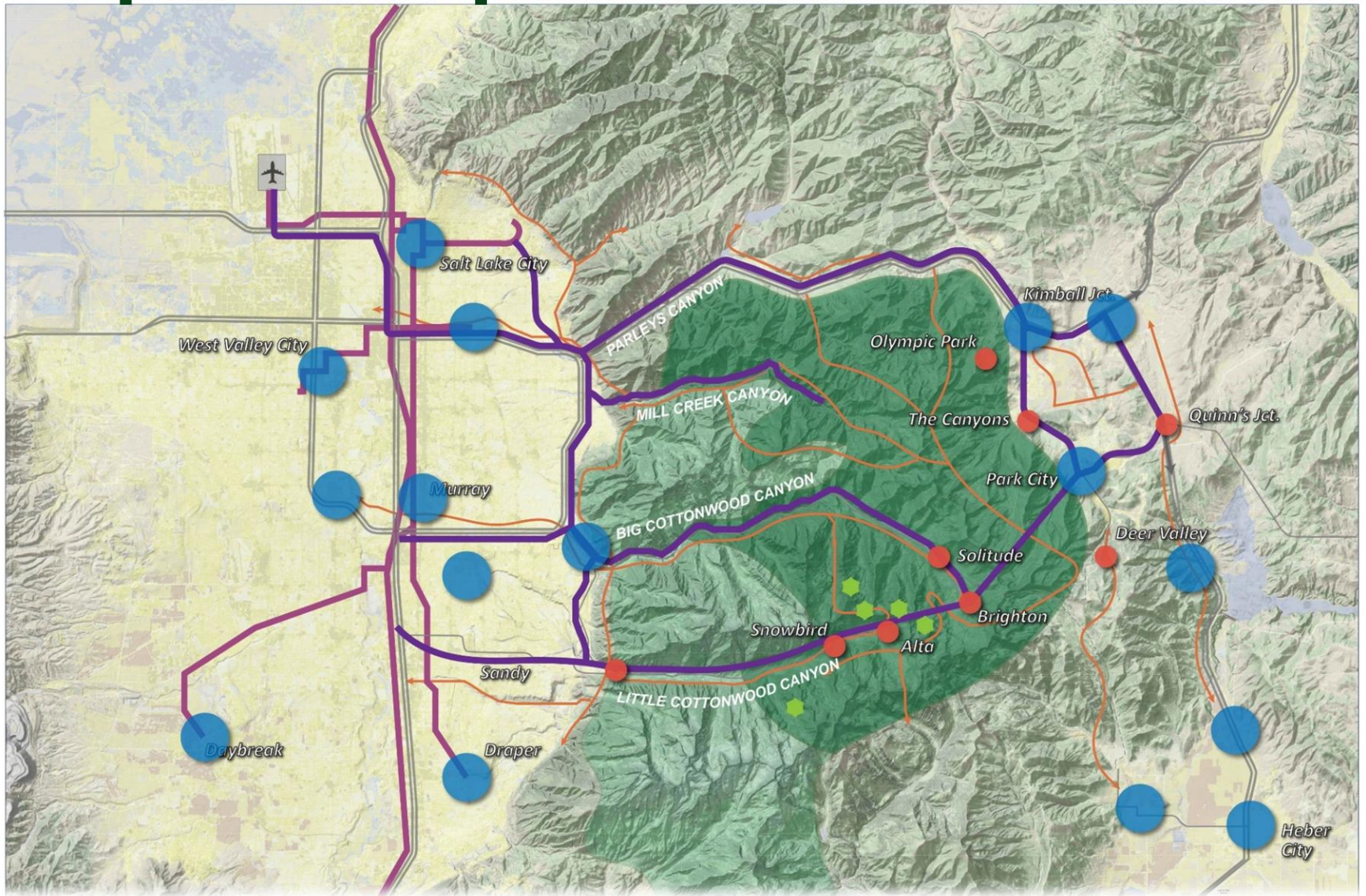


...AND YOU

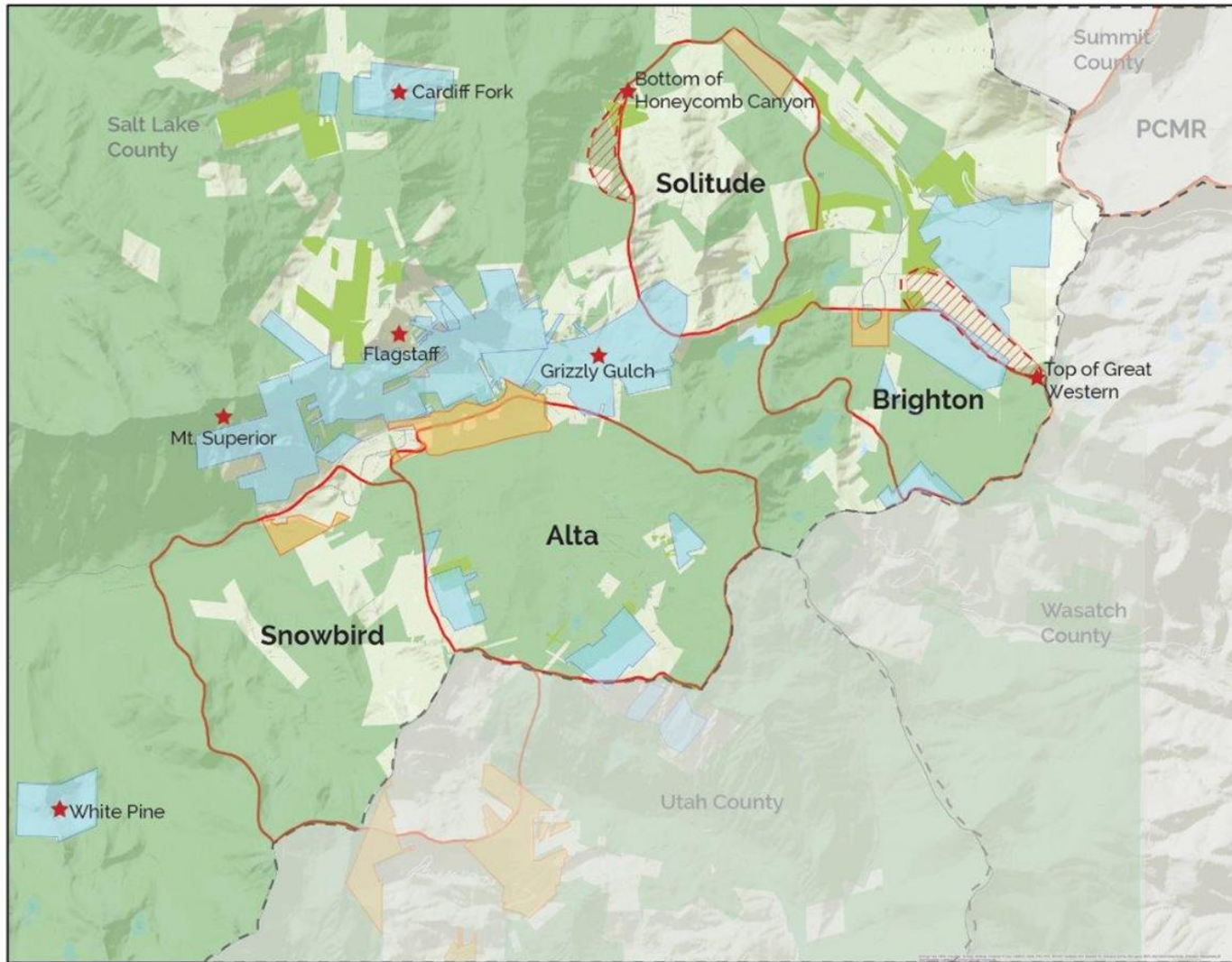
What Brought Us Together?



Proposed Blueprint



Proposed Land Exchange



Next Steps:

- Opportunities to participate
- Get your neighbors and friends involved
- www.afcvision.com

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