



## Media Advisory

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## Huntsman, Corroon and Becker to Kick-Off the *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* Process

**On Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. in Memory Grove** (just below City Creek Canyon) in Salt Lake City, Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr., Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon, Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker, and U.S. Forest Supervisor Brian Ferebee will kick-off the *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* process and describe the public's role in developing strategies for the canyons.

The *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* process will help update Salt Lake County's 1989 Wasatch Canyons Master Plan. This plan guides policy for City Creek, Emigration, Red Butte, Parleys, Millcreek, Big Cottonwood, and Little Cottonwood Canyons. The canyons provide more than 50% of Salt Lake City's water supply, and significantly add to the quality of life for residents of the Salt Lake Valley. With the doubling of the county's population in the next 30 years, *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* will strive to ensure the long-term health of these treasured canyons, balancing land-use, recreational, transportation, and environmental concerns.

Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and the State of Utah are the principal sponsors of the *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* process. Envision Utah is facilitating data collection and public participation. The U.S. Forest Service is a supportive partner and providing technical assistance.

**Starting May 7<sup>th</sup>, the public can complete an important survey on the canyons at [www.wasatchcanyons.slco.org](http://www.wasatchcanyons.slco.org).**

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### Workshops (May 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2009)

Educational workshops will inform the public about canyon issues, stimulate informed participation in the process, and seek public input. Interactive keypad polling gauges reaction to planning strategies in real time; participants will anonymously vote on survey questions. **Workshops will begin at 6:30 p.m.** To RSVP, contact [canyons@envisionutah.org](mailto:canyons@envisionutah.org).

<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Alta High School Media Center – 11055 S. Hawk Highway (Sandy)	Hunter High School Cafeteria – 4200 S. 5600 W. (West Valley City)
<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Skyline High School Cafeteria – 3251 E. 3760 S. (Mill Creek)	Sandy City Hall (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor) – 10000 S. Centennial Parkway
<b>May 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Westminster College Concert Hall – 1840 S. 1300 E. (Salt Lake City)	West Jordan High School Media Center – 8136 S. 2700 W.

### Website ([www.wasatchcanyons.slco.org](http://www.wasatchcanyons.slco.org))

Those who miss a workshop can participate online through an interactive and educational survey. The website will also include relevant studies and resources.

### Steering Committee

This group is committed to a transparent process and will make key decisions as to how the process is undertaken.

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