

GAINING GROUND

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER



WINTER NEWSLETTER | UTAH OPEN LANDS | DEC. 2022

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

In 2022, **125** outstanding volunteers dedicated their time and energy to the conservation and stewardship of open space with UOL. This hard work helps maintain critical habitat for wildlife and ensures access to these popular preserved spaces for generations to come. THANK YOU!



2022 BY THE NUMBERS

730

VOLUNTEER HOURS
WORKED

15

CONSERVATION
PARTNERSHIPS

125

TOTAL
VOLUNTEERS

13

POUNDS OF SEED
SPREAD

124

NATIVE PLANTS
PLANTED

11

COMMUNITY
EVENTS

2022 VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

BONANZA FLAT RESTORATION

OCTOBER 7, 2022 | OCTOBER 21, 2022

Our 2022 volunteer highlight of the year has to be the restoration days at Bonanza Flat! These restoration days were a true demonstration of the community support for maintaining the health of the landscapes we love! Hosted in partnership with Park City Municipal Corporation and Mountain Trails Foundation, these restoration days would not have been possible without



the volunteer groups from the Park City Chamber Bureau, Backcountry, Wasatch Mountain Club, Cotopaxi and REI. We are also thankful for the Pink Elephant Coffee Shop and Wasatch Bagel & Grill, who donated snacks and coffee to our volunteers. At the end of these restoration days, a total of **1.26 acres** of unsustainable social trails were restored. This restoration work was applauded by the landowners, Park City Municipal Corporation. If you are interested in being a part of the second phase of restoration at Bonanza Flat, keep your eye out for volunteer events in our next volunteer newsletter. Below is a before and after photo of one restored trail, as well as a photo of each of our two largest volunteer groups!

BEFORE:



AFTER:



BONANZA RESTORATION VOLUNTEER GROUPS



**PARK CITY CHAMBER
BUREAU VOLUNTEERS
FROM 10.7.22**



**BACKCOUNTRY
VOLUNTEERS FROM
10.21.22**

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

BECOME A UTAH OPEN LANDS AMBASSADOR

Are you passionate about open space? Would you like to share this passion with others? Apply to be a UOL Ambassador!

As one of the Front Climbing Club's Impact Coalition Partners, we like to connect with their members and share our organization's mission. This Ambassador would help table at the Front as a representative of Utah Open Lands. This commitment is roughly once a month for 3-4 hours.

To apply, please email alli.eroh@utahopenlands.org with the subject line "UOL Ambassador."



RECENT EVENTS

CASTLETON TOWER CLEANUP

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

This November, Utah Open Lands cohosted a campground cleanup at Castleton Tower with the Grand County Active Transportation & Trails team (previously known as Moab Trail Mix), the American Alpine Club, Leave No Trace, and Friends of Indian Creek.



Volunteers attending the American Alpine Club's Craggin Classic Climbing Festival came out to give this space some serious TLC!

Fire rings were dismantled, trash was picked up and boulders were placed to close off an unsustainable rogue trail. A huge shoutout to all the wonderful volunteers that came out and to the local partners (Moab Adventure Center and Pagan Mountaineering) who donated trivia contest prizes for volunteers.

In an area like Castleton Tower, it is crucial to practice Leave No Trace principles so that we can keep it a fee-free campsite for the public to enjoy.

WINTER TRANSIT TO TRAILS MEET & GREET AT BONANZA FLAT CONSERVATION AREA

NOVEMBER 20, 2022



Utah Open Lands, Park City Municipal Corporation and Mountain Trails Foundation had such a great time meeting winter Transit to Trails users at the Bonanza Flat Meet and Greet last month. These partners, along with the folks from Utah Mountain Shuttle all work together to make Transit to Trails happen!

Transit to Trails is still a trial program, so if you have enjoyed using it this season and want to see it continue, please provide your feedback via our Transit to Trails survey, located at <https://www.utahopenlands.org/transit-to-trails>.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

AND THANKS AGAIN FOR SUCH A
FANTASTIC YEAR!

-THE UOL TEAM

