

GAINING GROUND

MEMBER NEWSLETTER



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MEMBER UPDATES

PORTRAITS OF PRESERVATION AUCTION & GALA

Thank you to all of the Utah Open Lands supporters who generously gave during the Portraits of Preservation Auction and Gala! Your contributions are helping us protect and preserve Utah's precious landscapes for generations to come and your dedication to conservation is nothing short of inspiring! The Portraits of Preservation Gala, which took place earlier this month at the River Bottoms Ranch, was filled with warmth, community, and celebration. It allowed us to come together, reconnect, and share the remarkable conservation successes that our organization has achieved since our last gathering. Member support has been the driving force behind these accomplishments, and your dedication to our cause continues to motivate us. At the gala, UOL Executive Director, Wendy Fisher, highlighted the

landowners who just in the last 18 months donated conservation easements. Among these donations was the increased conservation around the Galena Soo'nkahni Preserve where UOL worked to safeguard lands which are considered sacred as ancestral by seven tribes of Utah. She summed everything up by saying, "I think we are even more in need of *the real*, of sanctuary that provides true relief, of authentic discussion about our survival and I think the stage is the lands we protect, the lands that feed our tomorrow and hold the inspiration of our past. As digital platforms vey for our focus, it is the connectedness of our footprints on the ground, the tangible real landscapes we save that will continue to capture our imagination, sustain our sense of who we are and where we are from. These landscapes will forever bring us home."



UTAH OPEN LANDS IN THE 2023 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN!

Utah Open Lands is participating in this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)! The CFC is a remarkable initiative with a mission to promote and support philanthropy among federal employees. It offers an employee-focused, cost-efficient, and highly effective way for all Federal employees to enhance the quality of life for people worldwide. The Combined Federal Campaign stands as the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, encompassing nearly 200 campaigns across the United States and overseas. Each year, it raises millions of

dollars in pledges from Federal civilian, postal, and military donors. These pledges provide invaluable support to eligible non-profit organizations that offer vital health and human service benefits to communities worldwide. Federal employees and retirees, look for Utah Open Lands in the CFC charity list. Pledging begins in September. Your support can make a profound difference in preserving and protecting the beauty of Utah's open spaces. To find out more about the Combined Federal Campaign and its impact, visit GiveCFC.org.

UTAH OPEN LANDS HAS RECEIVED A GLOBALGIVING GRANT MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KPMG LIVING GREEN PROGRAM

Utah Open Lands has been awarded a GlobalGiving grant in partnership with the KPMG Living Green Program. This grant will provide invaluable support for our organization's general operations, allowing us to continue our mission of protecting and stewarding the

lands you love. With the help of this grant, we can further our efforts to safeguard the landscapes that hold a special place in all our hearts. We look forward to sharing our progress and the positive impact this grant will have on our mission.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 5

PARK CITY - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 20

DAY OF RESTORATION AT BONANZA FLAT

OCTOBER 29

LAST WEEKEND OF TRANSIT TO TRAILS

NOVEMBER 3

LIVE PC GIVE PC

NOVEMBER 5

CASTLETON CAMPGROUND CLEANUP

PARK CITY - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2023 | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM | 445 MARSAC AVE

Join us at the Park City City Council meeting on Thursday, October 5th, for an important discussion about the Bonanza Flat Conservation Easement and the Adaptive Management Plan (BFAMS). Utah Open Lands, in partnership with Park City Municipal Corporation's Trails & Open Space Team, will provide an update on the Adaptive Management Plan, which calls for a review every 5 years—we're currently 3 years in. Learn about the management actions taken on the property and get answers to your questions on Recreational Trails, Parking Management, and more. Your participation makes a difference in preserving this beautiful landscape!

DAY OF RESTORATION AT BONANZA FLAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2023 | BONANZA FLAT CONSERVATION AREA

This October Utah Open Lands and Park City Municipal Corporation will be hosting a day of restoration at Bonanza Flat. We'll be focusing on restoring social trails that cut through sensitive wildlife habitat. We are extremely grateful for our partners, Backcountry and KPMG, who will be providing volunteers for this important initiative.

If you're passionate about conservation and want to make a positive impact, we invite you to volunteer with us. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot by emailing alli.eroh@utahopenlands.org. Don't miss this opportunity to contribute to the preservation of Bonanza Flat and its invaluable ecosystems.



LAST WEEKEND OF TRANSIT TO TRAILS

OCTOBER 28TH - 29TH | BONANZA FLAT CONSERVATION AREA

Looking to view the changing fall leaves this leaf peeping season? Look no further! The Transit to Trails shuttle is your ideal solution for experiencing the vibrant autumn foliage while avoiding trailhead congestion. As the seasons transition, Bonanza Flat transforms into a breathtaking display of colors, and our shuttle service ensures you can immerse yourself in this natural spectacle without the hassle of parking.

Don't miss your final chance to enjoy the Bonanza Flat Conservation Area this season with our Transit to Trails program! As summer draws to a close and the possibility of snowfall looms, this is your opportunity to savor the beauty of Bonanza Flat one last time.

Please note that the availability of this service for the last weekend is contingent on weather conditions, so be sure to check our social media channels for any updates. Best of all, this sustainable transportation solution is completely FREE and designed to make it easy for summer recreators to travel between Park City and the Bonanza Flat Conservation Area. Join us Thursday through Sunday and make the most of this fantastic opportunity. To book your reservation, simply visit protransparkcity.com/trails.

TRANSIT TO TRAILS

This **FREE** service is intended for summer recreators looking for transportation between the Bonanza Park neighborhood and the Bonanza Flat Conservation Area. Service is provided Thursday-Sunday.

P PARKING/PICK-UP
1376 MUNCHKIN ROAD,
PARK CITY, UT 84060

MM MID-MOUNTAIN TRAILHEAD

BT BONANZA FLAT TRAILHEAD

BL BLOODS LAKE TRAILHEAD

This service is dog-friendly, and accommodates mountain bikes.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY DEPARTURES
JULY-OCTOBER
8:00 A.M. | 9:00 A.M. | 10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M. | 12:00 P.M. | 1:00 P.M.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY DEPARTURES
JULY: 5:00 P.M. | 6:00 P.M. | 7:00 P.M.
AUGUST: 4:30 P.M. | 5:30 P.M. | 6:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER: 4:00 P.M. | 5:00 P.M. | 6:00 P.M.
OCTOBER: 3:30 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 5:30 P.M.

DEPARTURE
Arrive at pick-up location 5-10 minutes prior to departure.

RETURN
If you need a return trip, please organize with your shuttle driver at departure.

Reserve your **FREE** ride by visiting protransparkcity.com/trails

This service will be capped when capacity is met. Unscheduled or 'walk-up' riders will be accepted based on availability.

If you pack it in, please pack it out.

CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION | PARK CITY | PROTRANS | UTAH OPEN LANDS

Interested in winter activities at Bonanza Flat Conservation Area? Our Winter Transit to Trails program will be back for its second year, offering transportation for Nordic skiing and snowshoeing. Dates for our winter program have yet to be determined so stay updated by visiting the Bonanza Flat page on our website. As a reminder, the Transit to Trails program is made possible by grant funding from the Central Wasatch Commission, support from Park City Municipal Corporation and private donations made to Utah Open Lands.

LIVE PC GIVE PC

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2023 | ONLINE FUNDRAISER + ACTIVITIES DURING THE DAY



Join us for the most exciting day of giving in Park City—Live PC Give PC! Hosted by the Park City Community Foundation, this annual event unites the entire community in a powerful demonstration of support for local nonprofit organizations. On the first Friday of November, we come together to make a lasting impact on the causes we care about. Live PC Give PC is a day of unity, generosity, and celebration. With the convenience of a single online giving platform, you can easily contribute to nonprofit organizations that make our community thrive.

You'll find volunteers in various locations throughout greater Park City, spreading awareness, generating excitement, and inspiring people to make a difference. Support Utah Open Lands during Live PC Give PC by visiting our page [HERE](#) and making a contribution. Your dollars help support on ongoing land saving initiatives not only in Park City but across the state!

CASTLETON TOWER CAMPGROUND CLEANUP




SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2023 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

We're excited to announce our upcoming Castleton Tower Campground Cleanup, a collaborative effort with the American Alpine Club and the Moab Craggin Classic. On this day, 30 dedicated AAC volunteers will join forces with Utah Open Lands, Grand County Trail Crew and Trail Ambassador (GCATT), Leave No Trace, and Friends of Indian Creek. Together, we'll tackle an essential task — rebuilding tent platforms at the campground.

This not only enhances camper safety and comfort but also helps deter dispersed camping, which is not permitted at Castleton Tower due to its ecological sensitivity. If you're in the area and eager to participate in this meaningful restoration effort, we invite you to join us! Simply contact alli.eroh@utahopenlands.org to secure your spot. **Please be aware that the campground will be temporarily closed from Wednesday, November 1st, through Monday, November 6th, to facilitate these much-needed improvements.**



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