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From the President

by Michael Budig

The Wasatch Mountain Club is entirely dependent on volunteers. Where the club succeeds, we have a lot of people to credit- especially the officers and members of the various committees. We are now approaching the time of the year where we will be seeking new volunteers to run for office. It is early in the process, but appears that the areas of greatest need will be computer technology (webmaster), publications, treasurer and lodge directors. If you have skills in these areas and are willing to contribute, please step forward- (send me an email). Please help if you can- your club needs you!

I also want to encourage members to volunteer to organize activities when possible. We have very active



and successful hiking, biking, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, boating and climbing programs due to the volunteers who step forward to organize these outings. And we reward our organizers with an annual catered dinner at the lodge- this is a fun and very social event with a chance to meet the most active and effective clubbers in a great setting. I encourage members be active in the club so you may enjoy this event.

We are now between seasons in the Wasatch- the time of year where there may be too much snow to hike or too little snow to ski. In recent years, the club has adapted to this challenge by scheduling activities which are flexible (hiking or snowshoeing) depending on conditions. I encourage members to enjoy these activities- this is your club!

WMC Purpose

(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

The purpose shall be to promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests, and knowledge of students, explorers, and lovers of the mountains, deserts, and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; and to foster awareness of our natural areas including their plant, animal, and bird life.

Conservation Notes

November 2006
Will McCarvill
Gretchen Siegler

In late summer I received an e-mail originated by the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA). The gist of the matter was that the Forest Service was revising its plans for the Bitterroot, Flathead and Lolo National Forests in Montana. These forests contain Wilderness Study Areas already, and as part of the plan the Forest Service was identifying additional areas with wilderness values. They proposed managing these areas as wilderness. This is not precedent setting, but it is not usual. This will ban bicycles from trails □

Weather we like it or not, this is the current law based on the Wilderness Act of 1966. Without knowing the specific details of each trail and its impact, it is possible to raise troublesome issues.

According to the IMBA, if a proposed candidate wilderness area will result in loss of recreation opportunity, then it either should not be managed as wilderness (managed as something else) or biking should be allowed as some other forest plans permit. So what should an outdoor recreation organization such as the WMC do? On one hand, we value wilderness because of its quiet and beauty. On the other hand we want to have to opportunity to bike. These are not academic questions. We will face these same issues if and when the wilderness areas above our heads are expanded.

The population of the US keeps increasing, and if lands are not set aside as wilderness now, then the future may not hold the opportunity to set them aside. The IMBA suggests that biking does not harm this future potential. However, if bikers find it hard to give up trails now, then how will they feel after 20 more years of use when the trails are in newly designated wilderness and they finally loose access? The history of motorized recreation in Utah suggests that long term use is perceived as historical/traditional use and prac□

protection. The designation of wilderness is the highest, best, and least reversible of any land designation. Other designations or mana□

do to release lands to logging, drilling and mining.

There is also an additional side to this story. Mountain biking has been described as being less damaging to the lands than ho□

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called freeriding and riders have helmets, body amour, and shin and knee guards to protect themselves. Bikes are heavy with disc brakes, full suspension, and larger tires. Bikes can now weigh 50 pounds or more. Riders hurtle themselves down hill potentially endangering hikers and horsemen. Renegade trails are showing up in wilderness areas where substantial modification of the forest takes place. There are several locales in our own Wasatch that require continual surveillance by the Forest Service to find and tear out illegal trails. It is always difficult to predict how a given sport will evolve. Freeriding seems to be more about the bike, than a wilderness experience. It seems to be more like motorcycling than hiking.

In every sport there is a drive to push the limits, to do even crazier stunts, to pull off the impossible. Where is the boundary beyond which we loose a land ethic? At what point are we simply viewing our lands as a stage for personal gratification and publicity like climbing Delicate Arch? Where should we draw the line in wilderness? How much wilderness is enough?

Dang, I can't do simple math much less figure out philosophy. We will face these issues: what will we do? Will we defend our right to recreate no matter what? What if the choice we make is wrong and we leave a world short on wild lands?

New Wasatch Mountain Club website

By Heidi Schubert

The new Wasatch Mountain Club website is now available. Please visit to www.wasatchmountainclub.org to see the new pages. Here are two new exciting features to this website.

1) **Membership database:** Each WMC member has an account on our new website (look for a link at the bottom of the calendar page). You can login using your username (first.last – read “firstdotlast”) and password (your birthday “month/day/year” in the format “##/##/####” – don’t forget the slashes). This will bring you to a page with your account details. You can change or alter any of your account details from this page (including address, email, and privacy issues). One urgent priority will be to update your activity preferences. On this page you will find a questionnaire asking you to indicate your activity interests and whether or not you want to receive emails from other members based on these interests. This will be the new equivalent to joining an email list. If you do not want to be on an email list you can always change your preference, but you may also realize you are missing valuable information and decide to signup for email at a later date.

2) **An Activities Calendar:** This calendar contains all the activities that are printed in the Rambler and more! You can now volunteer to lead an activity by filling out a volunteer form. This gets approved by the associated director as usual, and appears on the calendar within a day or two. You can submit activities anytime, but activities will still need to be submitted before the 10th of any month if you would like them to be published in the following months’ Rambler. You can find blank volunteer forms from a link on the webpage of the activity you wish to organize. For example, if you want to lead a hike, look at the hiking page and click on “Organize a hike”.

Please be patient as the new system begins. We hope to identify and correct bugs in the system over the next few months. If you have any problems at all, please contact the Heidi Schubert (our current webmaster) at heidi@biochem.utah.edu.

BOATING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We'll be having the Permit Party in January. Please be sure to send in and get your permit applications. Stay tuned to the Rambler and the Boating Email for any additional information. We need a big turn out so we have a number of people applying for permits. No permits No Boating. Below is a list of where to apply for permits.

Colorado River, West Water Canyon & Delores River - Westwater River Permits; Bureau of Land Management, (BLM); Grand Resource Area; 82 E Dogwood #G, Moab, UT. 84532-2968, 435-259-2196

Colorado River, Cateract Canyon, Canyonlands National Park; Cataract Canyon Permits; 2282 S West Resource Blvd, Moab, UT 84532-8000, 435-259-4351

San Juan River, San Juan River Permits, BLM, San Juan Resources Area; PO Box 7; Monticello, UT.84535, 435-587-2144

Colorado River, Grand Canyon River Permits, Grand Canyon National Park; Box 129; Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023; 520-638-7843

Green River, Canyon of Ladore River Permits; Dinosaur National Monument; 4545 Hwy 40, Dinosaur, CO. 81610, 970-374-2468

Yampa River, River Permits, Dinosaur National Monument; 4545 Hwy 40, Dinosaur, Co. 81610; 970-374-2468

Green River, Desolation/Gray Canyons Wilderness River Permits; BLM, Prive River Resource Area; 125 South 600 West, Price, UT 84501; 435-636-3622

Middle Fork of the Salmon River Permits and Info;
Middle Fork Ranger District, PO 750, Challis, ID. 83226, 208-879-4112

Main Salmon River Permits and Info, North Fork Ranger District, PO Box 180, North Fork, ID. 83466; 208-865-2725

Salmon River :Lower River Permits, BLM Route 3, Box 181, Cottonwood, ID. 83522,

Rogue River Tioga Resources Inc. PO Box 5149, Roseburg, OR. 97470, 541-672-4168, tioga@gears.efn.org

Salt River, Upper Permits, Tonto National Forest, 2324 E McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ. 85006, 602-225-5200

Verde River, River Permits, Verde Ranger Station, Prescott National Forest, Star Route 1, Box 1100, Camp Verde, AZ. 86322, 520-567-4121

THIS YEARS BOATING ACTIVITIES:

DATES (#DAYS)	RIVER	CL	ORGANIZER	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
NOV					
DEC					
JAN					
?? / 1 day	Permit Party	I	Larry Gwin	435-647-3642	ljgpenuel@yahoo.com

Message from the Winter Sports Director

Hello Winter Sports enthusiasts. Before we know it we'll be playing in the fluffy white stuff we love so much. Hopefully Global Warming will hold off this season and allow us many 4% density days of deep powder.

I would like to start off the season thanking all those who VOLUNTEERED and organized ski and snowshoe trips last year. The club is nothing without volunteers and we are fortunate to have such a great and giving group. Honorable mention goes to the activity coordinators Steve Pritchett (SKI) and Cheryl Soshnik (SNOWSHOE). They were helped out by the regular participation of a FEW like Knick Knickerbocker, Chris Proctor, Norm Pobanz, Walt Haas, Jen Heineman, Mike Berry, Brian Barkey, Vince DeSimone, Mohamed Abdallah, Constance Modrow, Tim Bardsley, Brad Yates and last but not least the Wizard of the Wasatch, Bob Athey. There were others who stepped up to organize but WE NEED MORE PARTICIPATION. Contact your coordinators and sign up to organize a trip. We ALL need to step up and organize trips to make the club work. The folks listed set a fine example!

As I shake the cobwebs out and review our activities from last year I realize it's once again time to log on to www.avalanche.org. We are blessed here in the Wasatch to have such an organization as the Utah Avalanche Center along with the help they receive from the Friends of the Utah Avalanche Center. With awesome people like Bruce Tremper (director), Evelyn Lees, Drew Hardesty, Craig Gordan, Brett Kobernick and Bob Athey (with Friends of...) who are out there every day, checking conditions and keeping us informed, we'd be CRAZY not to soak up all the information they have. Their website truly should be a DAILY visit for anyone serious about venturing into the backcountry. Wasatch mountain weather is always best reported right there. They also offer a couple excellent 3 day avalanche safety classes and anyone who has not taken one should sign up. Details are listed on their website under EDUCATION >>> AVALANCHE CLASSES.

Don't miss Bruce Tremper on Thursday, December 14th when he will present his "Know Before You Go" avalanche safety slide show. This will be at 7 PM at the South Valley Unitarian Church. See Rambler listing for details.

Start thinking about your gear and check out the ski swaps coming to a town near you. The REI/Friends of Utah Avalanche Center equipment swap will be held this first weekend in November. Create an emergency kit with some back up parts. Freshen up on your wilderness first aid knowledge. Organizers as well as all members should review the Winter Sports Policies and Procedures found on our website www.wasatchmountainclub.org

I am entering my second season as winter sports director and I believe this will be my last so think about stepping up to the plate;~). I would love to speak to you if you are even slightly interested so I can answer your questions. I think it's time a snowshoe person takes on this position. We are also looking for a new Ski Coordinator, as Steve Pritchett has carried the post for the last 4 years. I believe he deserves a break. You can reach Steve at 801-859-8670. And yes, even Cheryl Soshnik, our dear snowshoe coordinator, is planning on moving on, call her at 435-649-9008.

Last year we introduced "Break into the Backcountry" and it was a great success. Many WMC members had a chance to get out and learn techniques and participate in a sport in some cases for the very first time. We would like to continue this offering but will only do so if we hear from you and there is interest. Experienced backcountry skiers are willing to spend a day with you but there has to be communication. Please send an e-mail to Steve Pritchett letting him know of your desire to participate.

Think snow!
Greg Libecchi
Winter Sports Director
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Winter Sports Ratings

Here is the listing of snowshoe and ski tours and their ratings according to difficulty. All mile numbers are **round trip**, from beginning to end. Unless otherwise noted, all trips are in the **backcountry**. These types of trips may be rated "Not too difficult" (NTD), but more often are rated "Moderate" (MOD), or "Most difficult" (MSD). They more likely to encounter avalanche paths, and generally cross areas with steeper terrain. Avalanche beacons and shovels are strongly recommended for these type of trips, and may be required by the trip organizer (see trip descriptions). Typical examples are Powder Park or Catherine's Pass.

A trip labeled **tour** is one which mostly follows along a groomed trail, or above an un-groomed road surface and generally has a gentler grade, and less risk of encountering avalanche paths. These types of trips are often rated NTD, but occasionally are rated MOD, or even MSD, due to length. Avalanche beacons are recommended on a more selected basis. Typical examples are Beaver Creek or Norway Flats.

"Ski mountaineering" (SKI-MTN) is a rating for difficult trips which, in addition to snow gear and avalanche beacons, include boot climbing on exposed terrain and require self-arrest skills. The rating is determined by the most difficult technical requirement of the trip. For example, Pink Pine is short, but it is quite steep, so it is rated MSD.

Avalanche knowledge is a prerequisite for winter travel. A new rating category for **avalanche awareness** has been compiled by the Winter Sports Committee to help you assess the relative risk for each trip. Legend:

Avalanche Hazard Definitions

- A!** Trip crosses major avalanche path and/or multiple avalanche paths
- A** Trip crosses known avalanche path
- M** Trip involves minimal risk of avalanches

Skill Level Definitions

EL = Entry Level

Able to maintain balance and do kick turns

NTD = Not too Difficult

Able to ski a groomed run at a ski area. Lightly strenuous.

MOD = Moderate

Able to ski ungroomed runs at a ski area. Moderate to very strenuous.

MSD = Most Difficult

Able to ski any snow on any terrain. Very strenuous.

SKI-MTN = Ski Mountaineering

Involves exposure and self arrest skills

EL and NTD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	SKILL LEVEL	AVAILANCHE HAZARD	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Daniels	Telephone Hollow	EL-NTD	M	3.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NTD	M	3.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Elbow Fork	EL-NTD	M	3.0	680	Tour
Wasatch	Willow Lake	NTD	M	3.0	800	
Wasatch	Lake Mary	NTD	A	3.0	910	
Daniels	Doe Knoll	EL-NTD	M	5.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Green's Basin from Spruces	NTD	M	4.0	1000	
Wasatch	Lower Mineral Fork	NTD	A	4.0	1000	
Uintas	Smith & Morehouse Canyon to	NTD	M	6.0	400	Tour
	Ledgefork Campground					
Daniels	Foreman Trail	NTD	M	4.0	900	Tour
Daniels	Telemark Hill	NTD	M	5.0	1000	Tour
Uintas	Bench Creek	NTD	M	7.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Lake	NTD	A	4.4	1200	
Wasatch	Silver Fork from Lodge	NTD	A	5.0	1280	Tour
Wasatch	Lower White Pine Canyon	NTD	A	5.0	1400	
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Alta	NTD	A	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	Dog Lake	NTD	A	6.0	1400	
Daniels	R Fork Little Hobble Creek to Valle	NTD	M	7.0	1150	Tour
Wasatch	Days Fork to Second Meadow	NTD	A	6.0	1600	
Uintas	North Fork of Provo River	NTD	M	8.0	600	
Uintas	Beaver Creek Trail	EL-NTD	M	10.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Snake Creek Canyon	NTD+	A	7.0	1800	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Turn-Around	NTD+	M	10.0	1500	Tour

MOD RATING

LOCATION	ROUTE	SKILL LEVEL	AVALANCHE HAZARD	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Uintas	Weber Canyon Road	MOD	M	16.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Butler Fork to Overlook	MOD	A	3.0	1500	
Wasatch	Brighton to Twin Lakes Pass	MOD	A!	4.0	1300	
Wasatch	Grizzly Gulch to Twin Lakes Pass	MOD	A!	4.0	1320	Tour Tour
Wasatch	Tom's Hill	MOD	A	4.0	1600	
Wasatch	Bill's Hill	MOD	A	3.4	1800	
Wasatch	Little Dell – Affleck Park – Big Mtn.	MOD	M	11.0	1320	
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Brighton	MOD	A!	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	USA Bowl	MOD	A	4.0	1800	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Near)(South)	MOD	A	4.0	1800	
Uintas	Yellow Pine Trail	MOD	M	7.0	2400	
Daniels	Main Canyon – Murdock Meadow	MOD	M	10.0	1400	
Daniels	Strawberry Peak	MOD	A	10.0	1700	
Uintas	Little S. Fork – Willow Hollow Loop	MOD	M	10.0	2000	Tour Tour
Daniels	Clyde Creek – Mud Creek Loop	MOD	M	14.0	1000	
Stansburys	Deseret Peak Bowl	MOD	A	9.0	2800	
Wasatch	Big Water via Dog Lake	MOD	A	6.4	1400	
Wasatch	Alta to Brighton via Twin Lakes	MOD	A!	8.0	1320	
Wasatch	Pass					
Uintas	Smith & Morehouse Canyon to					
Uintas	Erickson Basin	MOD	A	15.0	1200	
Uintas	Murdock Basin	MOD	M	15.0	1400	
Uintas	Upper Setting Road	MOD	M	12.0	2300	
Uintas	Norway Flats Road	MOD	M	12.0	2530	Tour Tour
Uintas	Red Pine Canyon to Mud Lake Flat	MOD	A	14.0	2235	
Wasatch	Lake Desolation	MOD	A	8.0	1900	
Wasatch	Brighton to Alta via Catherine's					
Wasatch	Pass	MOD	A!	10.0	1500	
Wasatch	Red Pine Lake	MOD	A	8.0	2000	
Uintas	Soapstone to N. of Iron Mine Mtn.	MOD	M	14.0	2240	
Uintas	Shingle Creek	MOD	M	14.0	2460	
Wasatch	Green's Basin Peak	MOD	A	6.0	2380	
Wasatch	Meadow Chutes	MOD	A!	6.2	2380	
Wasatch	Reynold's Peak	MOD	A	7.0	2100	
Wasatch	Little Water via Dog Lake	MOD	A	7.4	2100	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Middle)	MOD	A	7.0	2200	
Wasatch	Day's Fork to Upper Cirque	MOD+	A!	8.0	2000	
Wasatch	Bear Trap to Lookout	MOD+	A	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Far)(North)	MOD+	A	8.0	2040	
Wasatch	Upper Red Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Montreal Hill	MOD+	A!	7.0	2700	
Heber	Main Canyon (Wallsburg to					
Heber	Strawberry)	MOD+	M	15.0	3650	
Wasatch	White Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	9.0	2400	
Uintas	Windy Ridge	MOD+	A!	7.6	3200	
Wasatch	Alta – Brighton – Alta	MOD+	A!	9.0	2800	

MSD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	SKILL LEVEL	AVALANCHE HAZARD	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Pink Pine	MSD	A!	2.0	1000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass	MSD	A!	2.0	1400	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Flagstaff Mountain	MSD	A!	2.8	2000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass to Big Cottonwood Canyon	MSD	A!	5.0	1400 up 2800 down	Traverse
Wasatch	Silver Fork via Brighton Twin Lakes	MSD	A!	6.0	1460 up 2400 down	Traverse
Wasatch	Day's Fork to Big Cottonwood Canyon	MSD	A!	5.5	2000 up 3200 down	Traverse
Wasatch	Mary Ellen	MSD	A!	9.2	1820	

Wasatch	Soldier Fork	MSD	A	9.0	1600 up 2800 down	Traverse
Wasatch	Tuscarora – Wolverine	MSD	A!	8.0	2100	
Wasatch	Alexander Basin via Butler to Log Haven	MSD	A!	7.0	2600 up 3100 down	Traverse
Wasatch	Silver Fork Crest	MSD	A!	8.0	2200 up 3400 down	Traverse
Wasatch	Maybird Canyon	MSD	A!	6.5	2440 up 3000 down	Traverse
Wasatch	Porter Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	2200 up 3400 down	Traverse
Wasatch	Lake Blanche to Big Cottonwood Canyon	MSD	A!	8.0	2600 up 4600 down	Traverse
Wasatch	Mineral Fork from Alta	MSD	A!	7.0	2900 up 3500 down	Traverse
Wasatch	Gobbler's Knob via Butler	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Mt. Raymond via Butler Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Major Evans	MSD	A!	9.2	2700	
Wasatch	Wilson Fork	MSD	A!	11.0	2600 up 3800 down	Traverse
Wasatch	White Pine from Alta	MSD	A!	10.8	2700	
Stansburys	Victory Mountain	MSD	A!	10.0	3800	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Swift's Canyon	MSD	A	14.0	3530	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Hoyt Canyon	MSD	A	14.0	3601	
Stansburys	Deseret Peak from Guard Station	MSD	A!	12.0	4500	
Uintas	Norway Flats to Smith & Morehouse	MSD+	A	18.0	2680	
Uintas	Weber River to Norway Flats	MSD+	A	20.0	2800	
Daniels	Currant Creek Peak	MSD+	A	21.0	2800	
Wasatch	Triple Traverse – Alta to Toll Canyon	MSD+	A!	16.0	5700 up 7600 down	Traverse
Uintas	King's Peak	MSD+	A	36.0	6800	Very long

SKI-MTN RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	SKILL LEVEL	AVALANCHE HAZARD	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Mt. Superior	SKI-MTN	A!	6.0	2700	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn via White Pine Canyon	SKI-MTN	A!	10.0	3700	
Wasatch	Superior and Monte Cristo from Alta	SKI-MTN	A!	10.0	4810	
Wasatch	Twin Peaks via Broad's Fork	SKI-MTN	A!	10.0	5100	
Wasatch	Box Elder Peak from Dry Fork	SKI-MTN	A!	12.0	5600	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn from Dry Creek	SKI-MTN	A!	12.0	5630	
Wasatch	Mt. Nebo from Mona	SKI-MTN	A!	14.0	6700	
Wasatch	Bells Canyon Supertour Traverse	SKI-MTN	A!	14.0	3500 up 5700 down	Traverse
Wasatch	Lone Peak via Supertour Route	SKI-MTN	A!	16.0	5854	
Wasatch	Timpanogos from Timponee	SKI-MTN	A!	22.0	6500	

Calculation of Difficulty

Snowshoe and ski ratings above are listed in order of difficulty, according to this formula:

$$\text{Difficulty} = (M) + (3 * K)$$

M is the round trip miles.

K is the thousands of feet of altitude gain.

For example: Catherine's Lake at 4.4 miles round trip and 1200 feet of elevation gain: $4.4 + (3 * 1.2) = 8.0$

If the outing is labeled as a "Tour", multiply the difficulty answer by (0.6). Example: Foreman Trail at 4 miles length and an altitude gain of 900 feet: $0.6 * (4.0 + (3 * 0.9)) = 4.0$

Localized trail conditions may vary throughout the season and affect the actual difficulty on any given day (e.g. trail breaking, icy, bare spots, wind, warm, cold).

**WMC Colorado Trip
Write-up and photos by
Jane Koerner**



Arrow and Vestal Peaks, San Juan Mountains, southwestern Colorado, July 2006 Wasatch Mountain Club trip with Jane Koerner. The Wham Ridge on the peak to left is a classic San Juan climb that tops out at about 5.5. Photo taken from unnamed 13er south of Silverton, Colorado. While we were in the area a young mountaineer from Salt Lake City died on the ridge between these two peaks. He was soloing them in one day from the highway between Silverton and Durango - a trip that most people do in four days as a backpack



Two 14ers, Uncompagre and Wetterhorn peaks, from Engineer Mountain on Engineer Pass, San Juan Mountains, Colorado, WMC trip with Jane Koerner. Uncompagre is the highest peak in the range. The San Juans are the largest of seven ranges in the state.



Capitol Peak and Lake, Elk Mountains, Colorado, July 2006 Wasatch Mountain Club trip with Jane Koerner. Photo taken from ridge to Mt. Daly, a thirteener to the north of Capitol, one of Colorado's 54 14ers

Muddy Creek WSA Trip Report
Sept03/Oct 1 Will McCarvill



This trip was supposed to have happened the prior weekend but rain in the San Rafael can render roads impassible. It rained enough on the Friday before the scheduled event to erode out wash crossings and convert many roads to slippery slime. Most folks were able to adjust their schedule and go the next weekend.

So what can I say? It was simply a grand weekend. Dave Parry, Steve Nielsen, Noel Denevers, Gloria Watson, Gretchen Siegler, Carolyn Connell and Gene Vollman rounded out the crew. Groups of two per vehicle spent Saturday gawking and hiking under the pretense of looking for WSA and Vehicle use signs. Places visited included Segars Hole, Coral Canyon, Chimney Rock, Slaughter Slopes, Moroni Slopes and South Salt Wash. Most of the more obscure places were well signed, with some damaged or missing ones and some motorized ingress. South Salt Wash just off of I-70 bore the brunt of significant vehicular use and abuse. The wash bottoms and hillsides are tempting targets even though they are off limits. Participants prepared detailed maps of what they saw (pretty easy to do) and copies of them plus a report was submitted to the BLM office. Typically, the BLM will send someone to replace broken or missing signs, add additional signs or install barricades. There is a nice photo of the Chimney of Chimney Canyon in this issue. All photos thanks to Gloria Watson



The best part was saved for Sunday. We marched up the Lone Tree Wedge until we reached the pinnacle overlooking the intersection of Muddy Creek and Willow Springs Wash. Nice photo looking south towards Tomsiche Butte is around somewhere. Both are deeply imbedded at this point: I counted 20 topo lines from the top to the wash bottom (800 feet). The views were incredible. We could see Tomsiche Butte in the near distance and many of the side canyons. The white and red canyon walls were a complement to the yellow cottonwoods, red tamarisks, and red current bushes. The topo map had suggested that it may be possible to find a way down into the canyon. A way was eventually found that got us to within 10 feet of the bottom. Creative climbing, lowering, grunting and thrashing got Steve, Carolyn, Gretchen, Gloria and myself (also Moki, the dog) to the river bed. You can see us smiling as the obstacle was overcome. A fine stroll up Willow Springs Wash brought up back to the vehicles.



Willow Springs Wash had one of the healthiest ecosystems I have seen in a long time. Horse sign was plentiful, but cow sign was rare. The plants were healthy and vigorous with plenty of young trees and shrubs. Water ran on the surface in places but the horse trails made hiking easy.

FAINT TRAILS IN THE WASATCH

13. Big Beacon



Since the Winter season approaches and hiking trails, especially faint ones, will be hidden by the snow, this will be the last episode of the Faint Trails series until next Spring. For this episode we leave the higher elevations behind and come down to an area that is readily accessible late in the year. While its trails are not particularly faint, there is some history to be told.

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Big Beacon is the peak directly above Fort Douglas, on the south side of Red Butte Canyon. It is listed as Mount Wire on the USGS maps, although the origin of that name is not known. The Big Beacon name, of course, comes from the airway beacon tower that stands on the summit and is linked to the development of air mail service in the United States. In 1918 the U.S. Post Office and the U. S. Army jointly inaugurated air mail service between Washington, D.C. and New York City. Although the army soon left the program, the Post Office Department continued to expand the service until it had an air route mapped and operating, albeit somewhat sporadically, between New York and San Francisco. To allow the mails to be flown at night, it began a program of installing beacon lights at intervals of 15 to 25 miles along the route as well as lights at all airports and emergency landing fields. The segment between Salt Lake City and Rock Springs, Wyoming, was given fourteen beacons, with the first one on Red Butte mountain, as the peak was called at that time. Heading east, beacons were placed at Parleys Summit, north of Kimballs Junction, on the north side of Silver Creek canyon, near Coalville, on Porcupine Mountain about 15 miles east-northeast of Coalville, and then on into Wyoming. Typically, the beacons had 24-inch searchlights mounted on towers fifty feet high, but the tower on Red Butte mountain, being on such a high, exposed site, was of considerably less height. The beacons between Salt Lake City and Rock Springs were installed during 1925 and were used for the first time on the night of 29 January 1926. It caused some consternation in the city when residents saw this bright flashing light on top of the mountain. "It aroused many Salt Lakers to curiosity and wonder and several inquiries from the east bench [were made]," reported the Salt Lake Tribune. But the people grew accustomed to it and the light flashing on the mountain night after night soon became a reassuring sight.

Now one might ask, "Why Big Beacon? Was there a Little Beacon too?" Yes, indeed there was. Little Beacon is about one mile south and 1400 feet lower than Big Beacon. It got its name because it, too, was given a tower, but instead of a beacon on top, this tower carried a wind-driven generator. Here, as at many other remote locations, the electricity used to run the beacon was generated by the wind and was stored in batteries capable of driving the beacon for thirty hours. The beacon was turned on automatically by a light sensitive "sun valve," and was turned off the same way each morning. The dynamo automatically stopped when the batteries were charged so the lights were always assured of an ample flow of electricity. The batteries and the beacon were connected by a power line that ran up the slope between the two sites. The beacon on Red Butte mountain was operated in this manner for three and one-half



Big Beacon, top left, as seen from the top of Little Beacon. Stubs from the tower can be seen in the foreground. The microwave reflectors can be seen at the top of Big Beacon.



years before commercial power was made available, at which time the Little Beacon tower was dismantled.

As aviation technology advanced over the years airplanes flew higher and advanced navigation aids were installed. No longer did aviators have to depend upon lights on the ground to guide them on their way. And so as the beacons approached forty years in service they were decommissioned. While the beacon, its controls and the power line leading to the summit were removed, the tower was allowed to remain, a sentinel overlooking Fort Douglas, the University and the city below. In recent years it has been joined by two microwave reflectors symbolizing a new era of communications, far removed from the rotating beacons that once marked the airways in the dark of night.

Two popular routes to the summit of Big Beacon. The right hand route goes up the southwest ridge line. The left hand route goes up Georges Hollow to the ridge overlooking Red Butte Canyon, then up the ridge to the summit. Little Beacon is in the lower right. The stub of the trail at the far left leads from Colorow Drive, which is not shown on this map.

Big Beacon is a good hike for spring and fall. The two routes shown in the figure make a nice loop. Both are accessible from Colorow Drive in Research Park, just north of the Huntsman building. If the loop is made in a counterclockwise direction a nice side trip can be taken by following the crest of the

Red Butte from the saddle northeast of the Big Beacon summit. Near the end of that ridge are a few interesting artifacts – graffiti from more than a century ago. One of them is an inscription “J B Hartzog 1890.” Who was J. B. Hartzog? Perhaps a soldier from Fort Douglas down below the Red Butte, but a search of Fort Douglas rosters from that period has failed to show his name. Nor does he appear in city directories of that era. So, J. B. Hartzog, whoever you are, or were, whenever we pass by and see the name you carved in the red sandstone slab we wonder about you. How’s that for some sort of anonymous immortality?

From the end of the Red Butte ridge one can drop straight down the slope a short distance to find several sandstone quarries. They still have heaps of sandstone blocks, cut nice and square, waiting for someone to take them to building sites in the city. Unfortunately, cement and bricks became available and made sandstone blocks obsolete as building material. And so they remain, patiently waiting, but destined never to find themselves in a foundation or wall as might have been intended. The men who worked the quarries remain as anonymous as Mr. Hartzog. But they built the road up Georges Hollow to provide access to these quarries as well as others farther down the slope. To be sure, at the lower side of the quarries is a road that makes a descending traverse towards the east, going down the slope to meet the Georges Hollow road. It goes through a rather dense stand of trees before reaching the intersection, so would not be apparent if one were going up the Georges Hollow road. This traverse is shown on the map in the figure.



The J. B. Hartzog inscription at the top of a sandstone slab on the Red Butte. The opposite side of Red Butte Canyon is seen in the upper half of the photo. The inscription was enhanced in this digital image.

The WMC Lodge

The WMC club lodge is located at the top of Big Cottonwood Canyon. The lodge is used for a variety of WMC social functions, but can also be rented out for personal use (Full or half-day basis). Recent renovation to the lodge include the installation of flush toilets and shower. The two dormitory-style rooms on the second floor provide sleeping accommodation for about 20 people. The kitchen contains a stove and refrigerator, but is not stocked with utensils or culinary items. **All** users of the lodge are expected to clean up the lodge after use. Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535 for reservations.

WMC Club Member Rates

October 1 - May 31 = \$250/24 hour period

June 1 - September 30 = \$300/24 hour period

Non WMC Member Rates

October 1 - May 31 = \$300/24 hour period

June 1 - September 30 = \$350/24 hour period

Weddings and/or Wedding Receptions

WMC members \$400/24 hour period

Non-WMC members \$500/24 hour period

Notice: Non-member rates will rise by \$50/day for reservations after June 1st.

**The WMC
Wants you!**



The Lodge needs constant care and WMC members have come to the rescue since 1929. Do you share to keep this club tradition in working condition. Come use your carpentry skills, or just help clean. Call Clayton Rand at 288-0251 or David Rabiger 964-8190 or send email caretakerwmc@yahoo.com to volunteer. Ask for a list of very specific items that need your help and attention and the hand tools and equipment needed to get the job done. We look forward to seeing you at the Lodge!

Club members can earn a \$50 voucher by participating in lodge service projects.

Directions to The Lodge

Go up Big Cottonwood canyon, (up 7200 S) to Brighton, drive to the back of the BIG parking lot (near the Brighton Manor Motel). Walk up the hill past the boulders, bear left across the stream and up the trail through the trees (100 yards). Wear walking shoes, carry a flashlight for the hike down,

Lodge Email list.

There is a new club email list, wmc-lodge, for use of the lodge committee and anyone interested in supporting the WMC lodge. To join this list, send an email to: majordomo@wasatchmountainclub.org containing the text subscribe wmc-lodge You will receive a message asking for confirmation, which you must reply to before you are on the list.

COSTA RICA!

Costa Rica!

11 days - 10 nights! New trip dates!

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January TBD

February 6-16, 2007

March 6-16, 2007

Planning Meeting, Nov. 11th, Saturday, 10:00 am

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Call Christine at 801.561.2581 or email her at christineros1@aol.com for more information.

Also, visit www.walkingtheworld.com

MARKETPLACE

This area is free for members placing ads for used, recreational gear or for private and non-commercial and not-for-profit activities. To submit an add to the Marketplace email ads to wmc@xmission.com by the 10th of the month before publication. Non WMC members \$5.00 up to 20 words, \$.20 per additional word.

FOR SALE:

Yakima Steelhead cartop bicycle carrier rack with low rider attachments and key locks. Brand new-- still in the box. Call to negotiate price. Contact Rick by phone at 519-9257 (please leave message) or by email skithebrd@yahoo.com.

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Chris 647-6476.

SNOWSHOES FOR SALE: Lightly used MSR Denali Classics \$80. Contact vincedesimone@yahoo.com or 435.649.6805.



Artist's Hike - Dog Lake Via Millcreek by Jaelene V. Myrup.

Aug 7th, 2006, a perfect morning for the annual artists hike, and a beautiful hike it was. All parking lots were full by 9:15AM and there were many people with all kinds of dogs.

We chose an easy trail with stinging nettles, wild geranium, fire weed, aspen trees, umbels, wild currant bush, pines and much vegetation. Not many rocks were seen. Quite a few bridges presented interesting watercolors and pencil sketches. Millcreek canyon is a lower foothill canyon.

Eventually, at 11:30am two of us had to depart and didn't make Dog Lake. Bonnie and Jim continued to the lake. A beautiful hike and we hope to do it again without all the dogs! Many good trails lead from Millcreek Canyon including the Salt Lake Overlook and Grandeur Peak.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC director. can be listed in The Rambler. Direct submissions to the Editor are NOT accepted. To submit my activity to the club, send your proposed activity for approval to the appropriate director for inclusion in their activity schedule. The deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the 10th of the month.

Rules and regulations:

1 Dogs and children are not allowed on WMC activities, except when specifically stated in the activity description.

2 Car pool rates: Gas plus \$0.15/mile, shared by everyone in the vehicle (including driver) on 2WD roads, OR gas plus \$0.25 mile on 4WD roads.

Notice to Non-Members: Most WMC activities are open to prospective members except when specifically stated in the activity description.

Find out about unofficial activities on our email lists. Activities formed with these lists are for members only. Lists are to be used **only** for the scheduling of outdoor activities. Any use of this service for any other purpose, such as advertising, SPAM, jokes, etc, will result in the loss of privilege. **To subscribe:** Send an email to: majordomo@wasatchmountainclub.org with the following text in the message body: Subscribe wmc-bike; Subscribe wmc-hike; Subscribe wmc-climb; Subscribe wmc-ski; Subscribe wmc-snowshoe; Subscribe wmc-lodge; Subscribe wmc-social

Group size limits in wilderness Some National Forest ranger districts limit the sizes of groups hiking in wilderness areas. For such hikes, the hike listing will indicate the maximum number of participants (not including the organizer). Please help our organizers on hikes with group size limits by arriving promptly and behaving nicely if you can't be accommodated on the hike because of a limit.

Activity Difficulty Rating

Participation in any WMC

activity can be dangerous. It is your responsibility to evaluate your own preparedness and ability to safely participate. Please read the release forms in the back of this publication, and on the sign-up sheets at the beginning of each activity.

0.1-4.0 > Not Too Difficult (NTD)

Lightly strenuous

4.1-8.0 > Moderate (MOD)

Moderate to very strenuous

8.1-11.0 > Most Difficult (MSD)

Very strenuous, difficult

11.1+ > Extreme (EXT)

Very strong, well-seasoned hikers.

B > Boulder fields or extensive bushwhacking

E > Elevation change > 5,000 feet

M > Round trip mileage > 15 mi.

R > Ridgeline hiking or extensive route finding

S > Scrambling

X > Exposure

W= Wilderness area, limit 14

Directions to common meeting places for activities

Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride lot: Between 3800 S. and 3900 S. on Wasatch Blvd. (3555 E.), between the I-215 freeway and Wasatch Blvd along 3900 S. It is on the northwest corner of the intersection. You can ONLY enter it from the west-bound lanes of 3900 South. To get to the Mill Creek Canyon Road from the Park and Ride lot without making a U turn, go west (right) on 3900 South, proceed under the freeway, then turn north (right) at the next available street, which is Birch Dr.; proceed north to Upland Dr. (across from Skyline High School); go east (right) under the freeway and across Wasatch Blvd. to the Mill Creek Canyon Road (3800 South).

Skyline High School east parking lot: 3251 E. 3760 South (Upland Dr.). From the intersection of Wasatch Boulevard and the Mill Creek Canyon road (3800 South), go west under the I-215 freeway, then turn north (right) into the entrance opposite Birch Drive (3330 East).

Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot: At the northeast corner of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Road and Wasatch Blvd. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

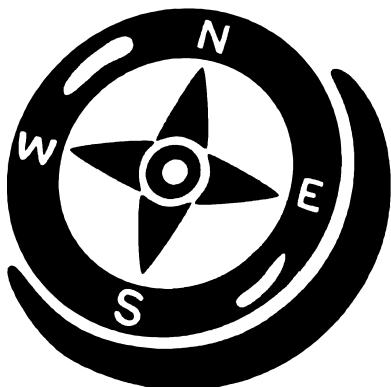
Cottonwood Park and Ride lot: 6450 S. Wasatch Blvd. Go two lights east and south on 6200 S. from the I-215 overpass and turn east (left) onto Wasatch Blvd.; the lot is immediately on your left. Sometimes used as an overflow lot for access to Big Cottonwood Canyon.

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Cottonwood Canyon Road and Quarry Road at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Utah Travel Council parking lot: About 120 E. 300 North. Go east from the intersection of State St. and 300 North and turn south (right) into the first parking lot.

Parleys Way Kmart parking lot: 2705 Parleys Way. From Parleys Way, turn north into the parking lot; or from Foothill Drive, turn west on Stringham Ave. (2295 South) and then south into the lot.



WHAT ARE 10Es?

The 10 Essentials are: Map/compass, flashlight, pocketknife, matches/ firestarter, sunscreen/ bugspray, sunglasses, candle, first aid kit ,extra clothes, food and water.

ACTIVITIES LISTINGS

NOV 2 THU SNOWSHOE/HIKE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the "over the hill" bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination

determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (i.e. In case of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. Meet at the Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road) at 9:15 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

NOV 4 SAT SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD+). Mike Budig (328-4215) wonders what Mother Nature will provide for today's activity. Bring your hip waders if we're still in 'mud season', or if the snow dances have been fruitful, maybe we can actually snowshoe today! At any rate, join Mike for some fun aerobic activity in the Wasatch Front. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 4 SAT HIKE: KEEPING LOW BIRTHDAY GIRL'S CHOICE (NTD-MOD). Come help Liz Cordova (486-0909) celebrate her birthday today. She plans to keep it low, avoiding any snow. This will be an Organizer/Birthday Girl's Choice; she may choose anything from West Grandeur to Neff's to Olympus to Millcreek. If it's raining/threatening, we might go to brunch and a movie. Gifts (especially in the form of cash) are not expected but always welcome. Meet at Skyline High School at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

NOV 5 SUN DAY HIKE: WEST DESERT (MOD+). Donn Seeley (706-0815 or donn@xmission.com) will look for a nice

hike in the West Desert that's appropriate to the conditions. Expect steep, off-trail, exploratory hiking and scrambling; bring sturdy boots. Meet Donn at the Utah Travel Council lot at 9 AM.

NOV 5 SUN SNOWSHOE/HIKE WASATCH FRONT ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Tony Barron (272-8927) will organize today's easier paced activity. He will determine an appropriate destination based on the weather and snow conditions for today's easy paced, 'nobody left behind' trip. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 5 SUN SNOWSHOE: BRIGHTON TOWARDS TWIN LAKES PASS (MOD). Meet the snowshoe community for the traditional early season outing to Twin Lakes Pass. Carrie Clark and Rick Gamble (519-9257) will be the co-organizers. Avalanche beacons and knowledge of their use is strongly suggested. Carrie and Rick expect to go to the dam, but the pass is no guarantee! We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 9 THU SKI: ORGANIZER DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER RAMBLER. Please list your ski trip for the December Rambler; we are scheduling SKI activities for December 1 thru January 14, 2007. All proposed SKI activities must be sent to Steve Pritchett spritchett@moxtek.com by this November 9th.

NOV 9 THU SNOWSHOE/HIKE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the "over the hill" bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination determined at the time of

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departure. To confirm the outing (i.e. In case of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. Meet at the Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road) at 9:15 AM. Avalanche beacons and knowledge of their use is strongly suggested.

NOV 9 THU SNOWSHOE DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER RAMBLER. For December Rambler, we are scheduling snowshoe activities for December 11 thru January 14, 2007. All proposed snowshoe activities must be sent to Cheryl Soshnik (csoshnik@yahoo.com) (435-649-9008, 801-641-4512) by this date.

NOV 11 SAT HIKE: WEST DESERT (MOD+) Donn Seeley (706-0815) will find another great location to hike in Utah's West Desert today. Bring sturdy shoes, lunch and your 10E's. Meet at the Utah Travel Council Parking Lot at 9:00 AM.

NOV 11 SAT SNOWSHOE/HIKE: WASATCH FRONT ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Alex Rudd (971-9245) will find an appropriate location for today's activity, based on snow and weather conditions. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM. If this ends up a snowshoe instead of a hike, the club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

NOV 11 SAT SNOWSHOE/HIKE: AFTERNOON ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD) Join Doug Stark (277-8538) for a leisurely paced afternoon snowshoe or hike. You'll still have time to make it to the 6 PM Social at the Lodge if you are planning going to that. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 2:00 PM.

NOV 12 SUN SKI TOUR: UPPER REACHES OF THE UINTAS (NTD+/MOD-). In the winter, the Mirror Lake Highway is not maintained past the Soapstone turnoff, 14 miles east of Kamas. The highway is usually closed by the first of December. It is quite a treat to drive to mile marker 25 or beyond and tour in the high country below Bald Mountain. You should bring lightweight backcountry touring gear, or 'rock' skis. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parleys Way by 8:30 am. Contact trip organizer Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) for meeting plan if driving from Park City area. Carpools can be arranged to allow for separate return times. Remember MLH parking pass and be prepared to share the cost of transportation. Dogs OK.

NOV 12 SUN SNOWSHOE/HIKE: COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Gloria Watson (942-0365) will find an appropriate location for today's activity, based on snow and weather conditions. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 12 SUN SNOWSHOE/HIKE: GRIZZLY GULCH (MOD+). Carrie Clark and Rick Gamble (519-9257) are heading

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up Grizzly Gulch. Be prepared for windy conditions. If there has been recent snow, there is possible avalanche risk, so be sure to bring your beacon and shovel. Energy food, water, and the 10 E's are also needed. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 16 THU SKI: RESORT PLANNING SOCIAL PORCUPINE PUB (NTD). Come join the fun. If you are interested in RESORT skiing and making some new friends come to the 'get-acquainted and planning' meeting: Thursday, November 16th, at 6:30pm at PORCUPINE PUB 3698 East Fort Union Blvd (2700 South, Mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon). The outline for these activities is: 1) Group leader and assistant contact person. 2) Create an inclusive social environment. 3) Day start time. 4) Larger groups (up to 10-20) will break up into 2's/6's naturally after a couple of runs and the individuals gravitate to who they feel comfortable with. 5) Lunch location time (social time). 6) After ski activity (Optional). 7) Car Pooling potential. 8) Use ski email list-to-list short-term activities. For more information please contact Monty Gully, 801-583-0287.

NOV 16 THU SNOWSHOE/HIKE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the "over the hill" bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (i.e. In case of bad weather and

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NOV 18 SAT SOCIAL: HARVEST PARTY, POTLUCK AT THE LODGE. (FYI: this is a revised date from the last Rambler.) Social hour at 6PM. Followed by a delicious potluck dinner. We'll provide the roast turkey, and you can bring along a side dish that goes well with it. Come on up with your big turkey appetite and your beverage of choice, to enjoy the pleasures of welcoming in the winter season. Bring a flashlight to get yourself back to your car after dark. Cost \$5 person for members and \$7 for non-members. The Lodge is located about 500 feet directly up the hill behind the Brighton Lodge, which is at the far end of the large Brighton Ski Area parking lot. For further questions please call: Beverly Emrick – 599-8744 or (bemrick@networld.com) or Vicky McDaniel - 576-0160 or (mcdaniel@xmission.com)

NOV 18 SAT SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD) Holly Smith (272-5358) will organize today's casual paced trip today. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 18 SAT SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Judy Elizondo and Andy Beard (824-9440) will find an appropriate destination today,

depending on the snow conditions and weather. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

NOV 18 SAT SNOWSHOE: AFTERNOON WORKOUT ABOVE THE LODGE BEFORE THE SOCIAL (NTD). Planning on coming to the Harvest Party at the WMC Lodge tonight? Need a little exercise behind the lodge before dinner? Let's meet at the Lodge at 2:00 PM for a couple hours of snowshoeing, maybe up to Catherine Pass.

NOV 19 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: POWDER PARK (MOD). Tentative tour based on early season conditions, call or e-mail Steve Pritchett to register (859-8670) spritchett@moxtek.com. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's. Additional hazards may be present with a light early season snow pack. Also be prepared for stumps, logs and rocks.

NOV 19 SUN SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD) Join Christel Sysak (943-0316) for today's outing. Hopefully there will be snow, but we'll hike if there is no snow. . We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 23 THU - 26 SUN FAMILY BACKPACK: ROBBERS ROOST AREA – CANCELLED. SORRY, SCOTT PATTERSON'S NOV 23RD THROUGH NOV 26ST BACKPACK HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

NOV 23 THU SNOWSHOE: TURKEY TROT (MOD). For those needing a workout prior to the big feast, Rick Kirkland (486-0909) will choose an appropriate destination, probably Red Pine Lake. Come prepared for conditions, and bring your own gilets. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 10:00 AM The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

NOV 24 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Tentative tour based on early season conditions, call or e-mail Greg Libecchi to register (699-1999) glibecchi@yahoo.com. You must have an avalanche beacon with



Circle All Peak, August 16, 2006: Teresa, Roger, Debbie, Brian, Tom, Mike and Naval, L-R. Photo by Elliott Mott.

a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's. Additional hazards may be present with a light early season snow pack. Also be prepared for stumps, logs and rocks. Kneepads are suggested.

NOV 24 FRI SNOWSHOE: GREEN'S BASIN (NTD+). Mark R. Jones (486-5354) will lead the winter's first trip to Green's Basin. Take the plunge. Be prepared for conditions. Bring a drumstick to share. If the snow is questionable, you can plan for the hiking option. Mark will meet you at Butler Elementary school, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 10:00 AM, to discuss what's likely on the ground up there.

NOV 25 SAT SNOWSHOE: COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD – MOD) Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008) will break the group into two speeds if enough people are in town this weekend. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

NOV 26 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MEADOW CHUTES/ GREENS BASIN (MOD). Tentative tour based on early season conditions, call or e-mail Steve Pritchett to register (859-8670) spritchett@moxtek.com. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's. Additional hazards may be present with a light early season snow pack. Also be prepared for stumps, logs and rocks.

NOV 26 SUN SNOWSHOE: COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD – MOD). Tom Walsh (487-1336) will break the group into two speeds if enough people are in town this weekend. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

NOV 28 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Tentative tour based on early season conditions, call or e-mail Chris Proctor to verify and for details (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-

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canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Transceivers are required for this trip.

NOV 30 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD–MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the "over the hill" bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (i.e. In case of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. Meet at the Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road) at 9:15 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

DEC 1 FRI SKI BACKCOUNTRY: FREE-HEEL FRIDAYS (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Michael Kligman to verify conditions and for details (578-0534) kligman@xmission.com. Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Transceivers are required for this trip.

DEC 1 FRI SNOWSHOE: BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE (NTD) Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) invites you to join him on an almost full moon

adventure somewhere up Big Cottonwood canyon. Meet at Butler Elementary at 6:30 PM. Bring a thermos of warm tasty beverages and a flashlight, just in case the clouds cover the moon.

DEC 2 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Tentative Yo-yo tour based on early season conditions. We won't be pushing it hard unless the powder is stupendous. Call or e-mail Brad Yates to verify conditions and for details (521-4185) bnyslc@earthlink.net. You must have an avalanche

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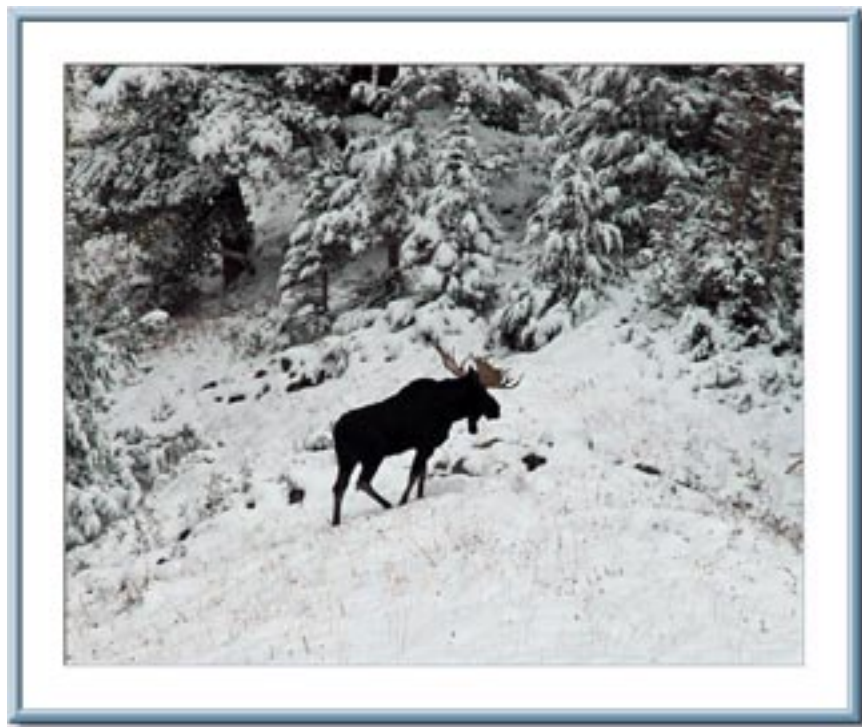
DEC 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Heidi Jo Demartis (942-8088) is organizing today's NTD trip. Meet at Skyline High School at 9:00 AM.

DEC 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: PORTER FORK (NTD-TURTLE).

Joan Proctor (474-0275) is leading a turtle trip today. "Turtle" means that the pace WILL be nice and slow, but slow doesn't mean short distance. Often turtle hikes go farther up the trail than a normal NTD trips. Meet at the Park and Ride at 3900 South and Wasatch Blvd at 9:30 AM.

DEC 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: BROADS FORK TO THE MEADOW (MOD). Cassie Badowski (278-5153) is organizing the more rigorous adventure this morning. Laughs are guaranteed whenever Cassie's around. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 10:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

DEC 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: AFTERNOON WORKOUT ABOVE THE LODGE BEFORE THE SOCIAL (NTD). Planning on coming to the Holiday Sing Along at the WMC Lodge tonight? Need a little exercise behind the lodge before dinner? Frank Bernard will meet you at the Lodge at 1:00 PM for a couple hours of snowshoeing up to Catherine Pass.



Baker Springs Pass, September 17th. Photo by Elliott Mott.

DEC 3 SUN SKI TOUR: NORTH OF IRON MINE MOUNTAIN (UINTAS)(MOD). This tour starts at the MLH Winter Parking 14 miles east of Kamas and offers the right combination of terrain features to allow for skiing on the early season snow pack. Expect approximately 15 miles RT and 2,300 ft. elevation gain (7,700- 10,000). The terrain opens up several options in the high country. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way by 8:30 am. Expect cold temperatures. Contact trip organizer Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) for meeting plan if driving from Park City area. Carpools can be arranged to allow for separate return times. Remember MLH parking pass and be prepared to share the cost of transportation. Dogs OK. You should bring lightweight backcountry touring gear with scales, skins, or swix (grip wax).

DEC 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: BIG COTTONWOOD DOG LAKE (NTD). Join Christel Sysak (943-0316) on today's easier paced snowshoe adventure. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 10:00 AM.

DEC 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: MILL D SOUTH FORK (MOD).

John Veranth (278-5826) is organizing the more adventurous trip today. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

DEC 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: AFTERNOON ORGANIZER'S CHOICE SNOWSTROLL (NTD). Robert Turner (355-9617) says to go ahead and sleep in, read the newspaper, and then come to Butler Elementary at 1:00 PM for a "decent afternoon start time". He will choose an appropriate destination in the

Cottonwood Canyons based on snow and weather conditions.

DEC 5 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Chris Proctor to verify conditions and for details (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Transceivers are required for this trip.

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DEC 5 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). This is the first organized adventure of the season for Vince DeSimone's "Tuesday Group". They leave at 10:00 AM every Tuesday, and go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC Snowshoe email list for automatic notices and updates for all Tuesday Snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at (435) 649-6805. The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

DEC 7 THU SNOWSHOE/HIKE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the "over the hill" bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (i.e. In case of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. Meet at the Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road) at 9:15 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

DEC 9 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TOM'S HILL (MOD). Join Sharon for a MOD tele-day at a local favorite. Call Sharon Vinick (865-4614) or email @sharon.vinick@slc.k12.ut.us for a meeting time and location. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

DEC 9 SAT SNOWSHOE DEADLINE FOR JANUARY RAMBLER. For January Rambler, we are scheduling snowshoe activities for January 15 thru February 11, 2007. All proposed snowshoe activities must be sent to Cheryl Soshnik (csoshnik@yahoo.com) (435-649-9008, 801-641-4512) by this date.

DEC 9 SAT SNOWSHOE: DAYS FORK (NTD). Dave Rabiger (964-8190) is organizing today's easier paced activity. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 9 SAT SNOWSHOE: COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Judy Elizondo and Andy Beard (824-9440) will find an appropriate destination today, depending on the snow conditions and weather. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

DEC 10 SUN SOCIAL: CHRISTMAS DINNER, SINGALONG AND SNOWSHOE TO CATHERINE PASS: NTD. We'll meet at one PM (1 o'clock) at the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge at Brighton for an invigorating snowshoe to Catherine Pass.

Turkeys will be baking at the Lodge and we'll eat them and the side dishes you bring to share at 5 PM. Christmas Carols to follow. Bring your voices and acoustic instruments. Words and guitar chords provided. Please bring both an appetizer to share and a salad or side dish to share for dinner. Hosts will provide turkey/ham. BYOB. Children are welcome. Christmas decorations are appreciated. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for guests. Questions/volunteer to help to frankbernard55@earthlink.net. 533-9219. Hosting will be Christine Allred, Frank Bernard, Dudley McIlheny, Bart and LaRae Bartholoma and Mark Jones.

DEC 10 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD+). If conditions allow we will go for a long day, if conditions are marginal we'll go grab about as many beers at the Porcupine as we did runs. Call or e-mail Brad Yates to verify conditions and for details (521-4185) bnyslc@earthlink.net. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins, etc.

DEC 10 SUN SNOWSHOE: COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD-TURTLE) Nancy Phillips invites you to join her on an easy paced adventure this morning. There will be plenty of time to visit and smell the snowflakes on today's slower paced adventure. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:30 AM.

DEC 10 SUN SNOWSHOE: COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Bob Myers and Susan Allen (466-3292) will take the more adventurous group this morning. But sleep in a little bit, and meet at 10:00 AM at Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S. The club recommends you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.

DEC 10 SUN SNOWSHOE: AFTERNOON TURTLE ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD-TURTLE). Meet Cathy Mooney (971-9329) and Jean Archer (932-5416) for an afternoon stroll in the winter woods today. Meet at Skyline High School at 1:00 PM.

DEC 12 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Chris Proctor to verify conditions and for details (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Transceivers are required for this trip.

DEC 14 AVALANCHE CLINIC: ROBERT FROHBOESE ANNUAL (NTD). This is part 1 of the WMC Avalanche Clinic. Part 2 is transceiver use practice to be held Saturday Dec. 16. In honor of the memory of Bob Frohboese, the WMC sponsors this excellent clinic on backcountry avalanche awareness. Featured speakers will include Bruce Tremper of the Utah Avalanche

Forecast Center. This will take place at 7:00 pm at the South Valley Unitarian Church located at 6876 So. Highland Drive. Refreshments will be provided. A suggested \$5 donation will be collected at the door. Don't forget to pick up your raffle ticket at the door for a chance to win a donated prize. There is a good chance we will once again be offering a discount on transceivers through Recreational Outlet. For more information or to volunteer for the night please contact Greg Libecci at 801-699-1999 or e-mail glibecci@yahoo.com

Fall colors in Little Cottonwood Canyon, Sept 06. Photos by Bruce Hugo



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DEC 19 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Chris Proctor to verify conditions and for details (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Transceivers are required for this trip.

DEC 24 SUN SKI TOUR: NORTH FORK OF THE PROVO (UINTAS)(MOD-). Mike Berry plans a solstice outing (shortest days) of 10 to 15 miles RT on this classic rolling wilderness tour (1,000 ft. elevation gain) to the old yurt site and well beyond. The variety of scenery is the highlight of this trip. You should bring lightweight backcountry touring gear with scales or swix (grip wax). Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parleys Way by 8:30 am. Contact trip organizer no later than noon on Saturday, Dec. 23 (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) for meeting plan or if driving from Park City area. Carpools can be arranged to allow for separate return times. Remember MLH parking pass and be prepared to share the cost of transportation.

DEC 25 MON SKI (RIDE) BACKCOUNTRY: TBD (MOD). Attention backcountry split boarders; this is a great chance to get out with Lisa. More details to follow in the December Rambler or call Lisa Verzella and reserve your spot. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

JAN?? ??? BOATING: PERMIT PARTY. The Permit Party time

DEC 15 FRI SKI BACKCOUNTRY: FREE-HEEL FRIDAYS (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Michael Kligman to verify conditions and for details (578-0534) kligman@xmission.com. Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Transceivers are required for this trip.

DEC 16 SAT AVALANCHE CLINIC: TRANSCEIVER FIELD PRACTICE (NTD). This is part 2 of the WMC Avalanche Clinic. In honor of the memory of Bob Frohboese, the WMC sponsors this excellent clinic on backcountry avalanche awareness. To have any level of skill at avalanche rescue you must practice out in the snow! We traditionally break off into groups of like mind for an outing after the practice session. I am looking into a potluck BYOB up at the lodge if there is nothing else scheduled for post activity. Stay tuned. For

and place will be announced later.

JAN 13 SAT SOCIAL AWARDS BANQUET JCC – Details to follow.

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December 3, 10 & 17 (Class 1)

January 7, 14 & 21 (Class 2)

March 4, 11 & 18 (Class 3)

NOV 3 FRI - 5 SUN: Park City Ski Swap. Park City High School. 435-649-8749

NOV 4 SAT – 5 SUN: REI Ski Swap. Benefit the Friends of the Utah Avalanche Center. REI is located on 33rd So. SLC. Call for info. 801-355-3943

AVALANCHE CLASSES:

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Conservation: ☐ Air & Water Issues, ☐ Telephone tree, ☐ Trail clearing,
 ☐ Trailhead access, ☐ Wilderness

WMC Lodge @ Brighton: ☐ General Repair, ☐ Skilled Labor

Information: ☐ Public relations, ☐ Instruction, ☐ Web site

Social: ☐ Social host, ☐ Party assistance, ☐ Lodge host

Rambler: ☐ Word processing, ☐ Mailing, ☐ Advertising, ☐ Computer support

Membership: ☐ Help, ☐ Recruiting

Would you like to participate on an activities committee? Which one? _____

Is there a special trip you would like to lead? _____

Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledge of Risk and Release from Liability

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION: I acknowledge that my participation in and WMC activity is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware the WMC activities involve risks, and could result in injury, illness, death and damage or loss of property.

These dangers include

nature, the inherent danger

agencies. The WMC is not, nor does it provide a professional guiding service. In order to partake in the enjoyment and excitement of WMC activities, I am willing to accept the risk and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of the activity. I acknowledge this risk and assume full responsibilities for any and all risks of injury, illness, death, or damage and loss to my property.

I verify this statement by placing my initials here _____.

PREPARATION: I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate the difficulties of any activity I participate in, and decide whether I am prepared by having the experience, skill, knowledge and the physical and emotional stamina to safely participate.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE: I agree that I, my heirs, and personal and legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the Wasatch Mountain Club, its leaders or directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death or damage and loss of property resulting from my participation in any WMC activity even if they negligently caused the injury or damage.

LEGAL FEES: Should it become necessary for the WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay the WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

INSURANCE: I certify that I have sufficient insurance to cover and bodily injury or property damage that I may incur while participating in any WMC activity. If I have no such insurance, I certify that I am capable of paying for all such expenses and liabilities.

My signature below indicates I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. I am at least 18 years old.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Witness:

I certify that _____ has alleged to me that he/she has read and understands this document.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

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