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February 13, 2013

Mr. Jim Gentry  
Weber County Planning  
2380 Washington Boulevard  
Ogden, Utah 84401

Ref: Trails Master Plan for Powder Mountain's PRUD, Phase 1

Dear Mr. Gentry:

Weber Pathways has reviewed the above-referenced plan, and we have one primary concern.

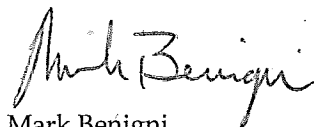
The Trails Master Plan states that one objective is to develop lift-served biking and hiking for the public, most of which would be located in Cache County. The plan also states that the owners intend to develop a network of new biking, hiking, equestrian, and cross-country ski trails within the private Summit development, located primarily in Weber County.

In the Powder Mountain Agency Review Committee meeting on February 11, 2013, the Summit representatives clarified that the private trails are all trails south of the ridge below the Hidden Lake lift. This would include trails now on the County trail plan as well as existing trails that are part of the map, "Pathways in Weber County." The trails in the County plan and the map are all open to the public.

There does not appear to be anything in the Ogden Valley Pathways ordinance to keep a landowner from prohibiting public use of trails on their land, however, we would ask the Planning Commission to urge the landowner to remove any public restriction on trail use. There has been a long history of public access to this area to bike and hike. There are many examples in Weber County of trails on private lands where the public has access. In such cases, signs that alert trail users to the private property have been effective in keeping users on the trail.

In addition, projects to construct trails with no public access do not qualify for grants from trail funding resources, such as the State's Recreational Trails Program or the County's Recreation, Arts, Museum, and Parks Program.

Sincerely,



Mark Benigni  
Executive Director



Helene Liebman  
Board Member