

DRAFT Decision Memo #8

To: Mountain Accord Executive Board
From: Laynee Jones, Program Manager
Date: December 8, 2015
Re: Federal Designation
Attachments:

- Proposed Map for Federal Designation
- Proposed Agreement Points for Federal Designation

The Executive Board approved the concept for the federal designation in the Accord (dated July 2015) and the Board subsequently approved the attached agreement points and map in the September 2015 Executive Board meeting. This memo proposes resolution the outstanding issue of what to call the area. Several names have been considered without reaching consensus. This memo also reinforces Executive Board intent regarding allowable uses.

Please come to the Executive Board meeting on December 14, 2015 prepared to give feedback according to our consensus process (concur, concur with condition, etc). If you have concerns, please contact me before the meeting.

RESOLUTION FOR NAME

It is recommended that the federal designation proceed with the conditions outlined in the attached agreement points, and map, but without any name associated with the area.

ALLOWABLE USES

It is the express intent of the Executive Board that existing uses (such as mountain biking, hunting, backcountry skiing, fishing, etc.) continue in the federal designation area. Uses that require a permit or special management (such as helicopter skiing or motorized use) will continue to be managed with the current USFS permit system (e.g. no change to current process is proposed). Any proposed legislation should reflect this intent.

As a reminder, the Accord states the following:

3.2.7. Transit infrastructure, transit stations and associated public amenities (such as restrooms), trails, and trailheads may be considered within the new federal designation and on the lands exchanged into public ownership, in locations consistent with intended outcomes and Mountain Accord vision and goals.

APPROVAL

This section will be completed after the December 14, 2015 Executive Board meeting.

LOG OF EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISIONS AND CONSENSUS RECOMMENDATIONS

Decision Memo	Description	Date
Decision Memo 1	Phase I Structure and Process	December 2013
Decision Memo 2	Phase I Systems Approach and Funding	January 2014
<i>Program Charter</i>	<i>Program Charter</i>	<i>February 2014</i>
Decision Memo 3	Existing Conditions/Future Trends	June 2014
Decision Memo 4	Parametrix Scope/Budget	August 2014
Decision Memo 5	Vision, Goals, Metrics	August 2014
Decision Memo 6	Ideal Systems, Combined Scenario	November 2014
<i>Accord</i>	<i>Phase I Accord</i>	<i>August 2015</i>
Decision Memo 7 DRAFT	Phase II Plan	
Decision Memo 8 DRAFT	Federal Designation	

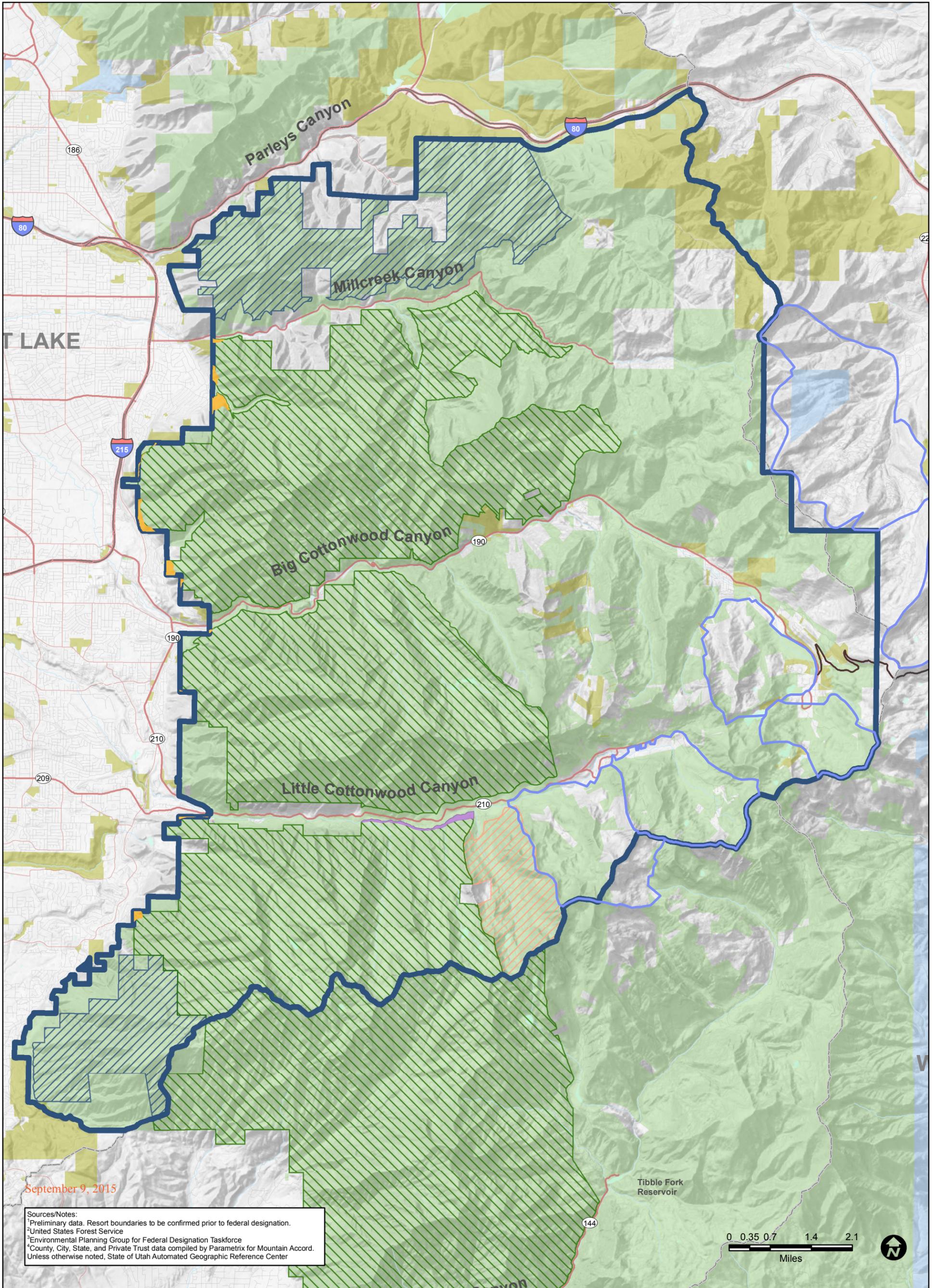
LOG OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS (ILAs)

Item	Description	Date
MOU Phase I	Transportation Modeling, between WFRC and UTA	June 2013
ILA Phase I	Phase I Program and Funding, between Exec Board government entities	July 2013
ILA Phase II	Phase II Program and Funding, between Exec Board government entities	November 2015, ongoing

Federal Designation Legislation Agreements

- U.S. Forest Service retain management of the designation
- Purposes
 - ...conserve and protect the ecological, natural, scenic, wilderness, cultural, historical, geological, and wildlife values of the [Designation];*
 - protect, enhance, and restore the water quality and watershed resources in the [Designation]; and*
 - conserve and protect the existing allocation of quality recreation opportunities within the [Designation].*
- Management Prescriptions
 - ...in a manner that conserves, protects, and enhances the resources of the [Designation];*
 - ensures protection of environmentally sensitive areas and watershed resources;*
 - does not allow ski area permit boundary expansion beyond what is authorized on the date of the enactment of this Act, as depicted on the map;*
 - provides for adaptive management of resources and restoration of damaged resources;*
 - and*
 - in accordance with—*
 - the laws (including regulations) and rules applicable to the National Forest System;*
 - and*
 - this section.*
- Permanent protection of appropriate resources
- Comprehensive mechanism for management
- Allow and encourage acquisition of lands within the boundary
- Authorize land exchanges
- Modify wilderness boundaries for Bonneville Shoreline Trail and transportation alternatives
- Establish Wayne Owens Grandeur Peak / Mount Aire Wilderness
- Add to existing Lone Peak Wilderness
- Do not impact current permitting process
- Restrict ski resort permit boundary expansion
- Watershed, water quality, and ecological protection (e.g. Albion Basin)
- Allowances for adaptive management, preventative measures, and restoration (fire, avalanche control, vegetation, etc.)
- Authorize U.S. Forest Service to assess fees and for fees to be used within the designation
- Maintain existing allocation of developed and dispersed recreation use
- Does not affect private land within Designation Boundary

-  Wilderness Units Under Consideration²
-  Special Management Area Under Consideration²
-  Proposed Federal Designation³
-  Resort Area Boundary¹
-  Existing Wilderness²
-  Wilderness Boundary Adjustment for Bonneville Shoreline Trail³
-  Wilderness Boundary Adjustment for Avalanche Paths³
-  Interstate
-  Highway
-  Major Road
-  Other Road
-  County Boundary
-  Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
-  State of Utah
-  Private
-  City, County, and Private Preserved Lands⁴
-  Waters



September 9, 2015

Sources/Notes:
¹Preliminary data. Resort boundaries to be confirmed prior to federal designation.
²United States Forest Service
³Environmental Planning Group for Federal Designation Taskforce
⁴County, City, State, and Private Trust data compiled by Parametrix for Mountain Accord.
 Unless otherwise noted, State of Utah Automated Geographic Reference Center

