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Dear Friends of Alta,

After 21 years, we are making a change. To date all of our help has been volunteered. We have interviewed and found an excellent person, Laura McIndoe, who will be working with us part time to handle many of the details necessary for our ongoing programs.

In addition, we will be developing a web site, which will provide everyone with updates on our ongoing efforts. Once we get our GIS study done, we'll have it on the web site, to provide information to anyone who is interested in finding out more about Albion Basin - (schools, citizens, and all who are interested and concerned about our beautiful canyon). It will be a wonderful teaching tool.

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**ALBION BASIN**

This past year, we tried a cooperative arrangement with a Utah-based land conservation group, unfortunately without success. This year, we are going to try a new approach to the Albion Basin landowners by hiring a nationally known law firm with expertise in Real Estate transactions to pursue our objective - making Albion Basin into a conservation area. **This is still our #1 commitment.**

The summer program in Albion Basin continues to be a very positive program. The Town and the Forest Service, along with help from Friends of Alta, continue to improve the interpretive trails. The Information Booth, for which there is no charge, has been one of the most successful efforts we have supported. Friends of Alta plans to continue its **support of this program.**

**TREE PLANTING**

This has been such an excellent and successful program that we plan to continue our **funding support.**

## MEMORIAL GROVE

Work was done last summer, and a small granite wall was built, which will eventually have some special plaques extolling the history of Alta. In addition, we planted some trees in the Grove. The Town of Alta is hoping to finalize this summer the best utilization of the Grove. We will continue our support for the Memorial Grove.

## BACKCOUNTRY AVALANCHE FORECAST CENTER

This superb program continues to provide important information for back country skiers, and to save lives, and Friends of Alta plans to continue our support.

## ENVIRONMENT AND EDUCATION

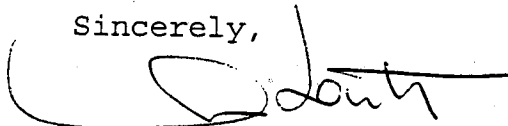
A.C.E. (Alta Community Enrichment) had another very successful year. Especially well received were the "Fifth Annual Wilderness Forum"; the 3rd Alta Film series, and the Olympic Cultural Heritage program. We will **renew our support**. Alta Historical Society continues to collect and display items of historical importance, and through a variety of programs educates the public to Alta's history; we plan to **continue our support**. The Little Cottonwood Interim Elementary School is thriving, and Friends of Alta will **continue our assistance** here as well.

Last year, **funding was approved** to commence a GIS (Geographic Information System) study of Albion Basin, but we got such a late start, that the project was delayed. **We will get under way with the study this summer**. This study will provide information not only for the Town's Planning Commission, but also for others who are interested in preserving and protecting Albion Basin. This will be done in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, Salt Lake City (who owns the water), the Alta Ski Lifts, and the Town of Alta. Also, Alta's Master Plan is under revision. The Town's Planning Commission is seeking a plan which will insure that the future of Alta, both environmentally and aesthetically, would be maintained in the same spirit that now exists. Friends of Alta will be contributing our ideas **and support**.

## APPEAL

We believe we are making a strong contribution to the preservation of the Alta area, not only for the benefit of our residents, but for all of you who visit both summer and winter. It is with your help that we have been able to keep Alta the gem we all cherish. The continued support for Friends of Alta has made this possible. There is still a lot to be done. So, once again we are appealing for funds so that we can continue our land acquisition and educational programs.

Sincerely,



Mimi Levitt  
President