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Dear Friends of Alta:

Spring has finally arrived in Utah, and Alta has finished a great ski season. Friends of Alta (FOA) had a busy winter preparing for this summer's projects, including activities associated with our Conservation, Environmental Studies, and Education Programs. The goals of these programs are to protect the natural environment of Alta (including watershed, wildlife habitat, and open space), and to promote stewardship of Alta.

This summer's planned program activities include the following:

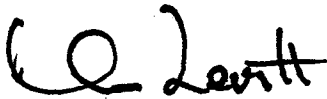
- **Conservation Easement Monitoring** – To continue to improve our Conservation Program we will conduct inspections of all eighteen conservation easements held by FOA in the Albion Basin. These inspections will help ensure that the easements are effective. We are working closely with Salt Lake City Division of Watershed Management on this project.
- **Wetland Hydrology Study** – To add to our existing Environmental Studies Program we will conduct the first phase of a study designed to characterize and evaluate shallow groundwater conditions in the three major wetlands of the Albion Basin. We are working with the University of Wisconsin, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Salt Lake City Division of Watershed Management for this project.
- **Third Annual Teacher Workshop** – To continue to nurture the participation of the education community in Alta we will host the third consecutive workshop for elementary school teachers from Utah. The workshop uses Alta as the learning laboratory for educators wanting to use geographic information systems (GIS) as a teaching and learning tool in their classrooms. We believe that young people who learn about Albion Basin and its natural resources will be more likely to protect and preserve it in the future.

Back in 2004 we informed you about a group of people who applied to the Utah State Engineer to transfer water rights from the Salt Lake Valley to the upper portion of Little Cottonwood Canyon. Such an application, if granted would have created a terrible precedent. The application was protested by FOA, Salt Lake City, the Town of Alta, Murray City, Sandy City, the U.S. Forest Service, Alta Ski Lifts Co., and the Snowbird Service District. The State Engineer recently denied the application, specifying in part, there was no available water in the upper portion of our Canyon. This decision will be a precedence for the Albion Basin points of diversion applications when they reach the State Engineer for review. FOA is prepared to argue against these points of diversion applications when they finally do come before the State Engineer. Of course, there are other efforts being made to change this decision that we will continue to oppose.

FOA continues to seek to purchase undeveloped land in the Albion Basin for preservation purposes; this is still our #1 commitment. Over the years FOA has set aside a reserve fund for the purchase of undeveloped land; our goal is to use this reserve fund solely for the purpose of land purchase and conservation management while operating our annual budget from the annual donations we receive. With the addition of a new employee and our growing programs your contributions are directly responsible for the successful fulfillment of our mission with greater effectiveness. Your contributions help us carry out important stewardship programs while maintaining a fund for land purchase. **Thank You!**

Please contact us if you have any questions at 801.742.9719, or email us at info@friendsofalta.org.

Cordially,



Mimi Levitt
President, Friends of Alta

P.S. If you have not already done so, please let us know if you would like to be recognized on our website as a contributor, or if you would like to remain anonymous. You may contact us via telephone, email or simply attach a note to your donation.

P.P.S. In addition to annual donations, Friends of Alta accepts planned giving.

The Mission of Friends of Alta is to protect the environment of Alta, including watershed and wildlife habitat areas; to preserve Alta's unique character and heritage; and to encourage stewardship and sustainability of Alta's environment and community.

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