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Dear Friends of Alta,

We hope to find everyone in good spirits, and are excited to tell you about the progress we have made over the past year. At our Board Retreat in October 2004, most of the attention was given to short and long range planning for Friends of Alta. From that meeting, a few organizational changes were made in order to keep up with the growth of our programs and projects. One of our most important changes this year has been the adoption of a new mission statement: *"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."* We feel this new Mission reflects our passion and work for conserving the environment in Alta, the preservation of Alta's character, and our commitment toward a sustainable Alta community.

In addition, Friends of Alta appointed an Executive Director, Laura McIndoe, in October 2004 to lead many of our programs. Our first employee, Jennifer Clancy, was recently hired in April 2005 to assist in carrying out our various programs and projects. We have also moved into a new office in Alta.

Conservation/Land Acquisition Program: Environmental protection in Alta, including watershed and habitat preservation continues to be our most important goal. Albion Basin, with its considerable watershed and ecologic values, as well as constant development pressures, continues to be a focus for realizing that goal. With the hard work of Pat Shea, Friends of Alta placed conservation easements on 18 properties in the Albion Basin. We have partnered with the Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities' Watershed Management Division to manage these conservation easements. ***Land acquisition in the Albion Basin to promote watershed and habitat preservation continues to be our top priority.***

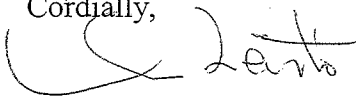
Eco-Geographical Studies Program: The Eco-Geographical Studies Program is comprised of ongoing environmental studies in Alta to better understand our unique and fragile ecology. This summer Friends of Alta is finalizing the results of research done to date in Albion Basin to be made available on our website. In addition, this summer we will be starting new ecological research with the University of Wisconsin, in the form of a phased hydrogeologic investigation. We have also approved a grant to the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation to assist them in conducting an invasive weed study and abatement project.

Education Program: Once again Alta will serve as a teaching laboratory for several teachers throughout the state. With the implementation of geographic information systems (GIS) in core curriculum requirements for secondary school teachers in Utah comes the need for informed teachers and well developed lesson plans. The Alta GIS teacher in-service program teaches participants to use global positioning systems (GPS) and GIS software. Friends of Alta coordinated these efforts alongside State and local education administrators and GIS professionals. Last summer, the GIS teacher in-service was very successful and resulted in the teachers using GIS as an educational tool in their classrooms. Friends of Alta is the primary sponsor for this teacher in-service, along with some assistance from its partners.

Community Support Program: Friends of Alta continues to support local organizations providing beneficial community services, such as the Alta Arts Council, Friends of the Utah Avalanche Center, the Alta School, and the Alta Historical Society. Friends of Alta also supports certain programs administered by the Town of Alta such as the Summer Booth Program and the Town's GIS Program.

We are pleased with our many programs and partnerships. **We need your support to continue to be effective, and we hope that you will consider a donation to Friends of Alta this year.** Please contact us if you have any questions, or would like more information about Friends of Alta at 801.742.9719, or at info@friendsofalta.org.

Cordially,



Mimi Levitt
President, Friends of Alta

P.S. We are happy to report that our new website will be completed by July 1! The website contains beautiful images of Alta donated by professional photographers, and lots of useful information and links. Visit us at www.friendsofalta.org!

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