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Dear Friends:

We are pleased to announce that Friends of Alta has been incorporated as a 501(c)(3) for a quarter of a century. Throughout these 25 years, we have been true to our goal of stewardship of Albion Basin and Alta's natural environment. It is a good time to reflect upon our land and conservation easement acquisitions, environmental education efforts, community involvement, and environmental research. Moving forward we continually refine our operations to implement our Mission in the most efficient and effective manner.

Enclosed is Friends of Alta's financial report for fiscal year 2005-2006. One highlight of the report is FOA's Conservation Fund; this fund is for the purchase of land and conservation easements for preservation purposes as well as the management of our conservation easements. This year our goal is to raise enough money to continue to preserve and enhance this fund while operating our other programs through annual donations. Reaching that goal helps FOA prepare for the future as a responsible land steward, ensures financial resources to run our Conservation Easement Management in perpetuity, and allows us to continue to afford important ongoing stewardship programs.

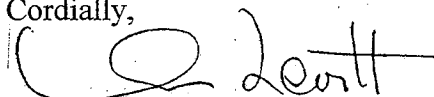
In addition to our programs, this year Friends of Alta focused on increasing and diversifying fundraising opportunities in order to ensure that we can continue our land stewardship responsibilities in the long term while carrying out programs that benefit our stewardship goals. In April 2007, the Alta Community's three non-profit organizations (Friends of Alta, Alta Community Enrichment, and Alta Historical Society) collaborated to host the First Annual Alta Gala; these efforts raised \$10,000 for the three non-profits. FOA also joined forces with Williams Realty ([www.williamsrealtyutah.com](http://www.williamsrealtyutah.com)) to offer the "Real Estate Advantage Program for the Benefit of Friends of Alta." Through this program, Jim Williams will donate \$1000 per property transaction in Utah and surrounding states to FOA directly from his commission when a buyer or seller desires to participate in the program.

In recognition of our responsibilities as a land trust, this winter Friends of Alta adopted the National Land Trust Alliance's (LTA) Standards and Practices. The Standards and Practices are guidelines for operating our land trust in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner, with a focus on public interest and a sound program of land transactions and stewardship.

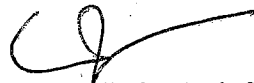
At FOA we place a high priority on our many partnerships. Partnerships make it possible for FOA's Board and small staff to implement projects and programs that are essential to recognizing our short and long term goals. Our organizational partners include: the Town of Alta, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, the US Forest Service, Salt Lake County, Alta Ski Lifts Co., Alta Community Enrichment, Alta Historical Society, Alta Lodge, Black Diamond Equipment, Williams Realty, and Cottonwood Canyons Foundation. Each of these partners devotes expertise, time, or financial resources to help us implement our Mission.

Our most important partner continues to be you. With your participation, Friends of Alta has been able to accomplish many of its goals of preservation and protection of Alta's natural environment. We continue to seek to acquire and preserve land in Albion Basin, and to foster environmental and community stewardship through education, research, and partnerships. We also continue to support our community and assist the Town of Alta in its positive programs and in legal disputes threatening its protective land use policies. **The pressures to irrevocably damage Alta's environment and character through various development efforts and litigation continue to mount.** Please consider a donation to Friends of Alta to help us protect and preserve Alta.

Cordially,



Mimi Levitt  
President



Laura McIndoe Briefer  
Executive Director

P.S. Friends of Alta is looking for volunteers! This summer we are joining forces with Cottonwood Canyons Foundation to remove invasive weed species that threaten native Utah wildflowers. We are also going to be doing trail work in Alta to maintain and keep trails in a functional and healthy state. If you are interested in spending time outside this summer helping these efforts please contact Jen Clancy at 801.742.9719.