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Dear Friends:

We are delighted to embark upon another winter season in Alta and leave behind Salt Lake's hottest summer on record. The snowy winter months will help recharge the critical water supply for the Salt Lake Valley and help sustain Alta's wetland and riparian ecosystems. Alta's snow also provides a base for the winter recreational activities those of us drawn to the natural character of Alta enjoy so much.

#### **Financial Report**

Enclosed is FOA's 2006 – 2007 Financial Report. In last year's financial report FOA articulated the need for increased donations to allow FOA to carry out our programs and operations while preserving the Conservation Fund for land purchases and protecting the natural environment of Alta. We continue to strive to meet these goals for our 2007-2008 fiscal year.

#### **Challenges**

The Town of Alta is experiencing an unprecedented amount of legal challenges on a number of fronts. These legal challenges both directly and indirectly affect the future of the Albion Basin. As Alta's only conservation organization we feel a great responsibility to help the Town defend its protective zoning regulations by providing financial support for the Town's legal defenses, as we have done in the past.

#### **Land Acquisition and Stewardship**

This summer, Friends of Alta purchased a one acre parcel of land in Albion Basin (our 20<sup>th</sup> acquisition) that will be protected by a conservation easement. By means of land transactions and our Conservation Easement Management Program, FOA continues to strengthen the land steward partnership we have with Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities. Our new membership in the Land Trust Alliance and adoption of the National Land Trust Standards and Practices has already helped to refine and improve upon FOA's organizational methods and management of the conservation easements we hold.

#### **Volunteer Efforts**

We would like to thank all who volunteered this summer with FOA and the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation. This year volunteers removed invasive weed species that have continued to threaten and compete with Alta's native flora, including its famous wildflowers. The Invasive Weed Program is one way Friends of Alta encourages stewardship education and helps to maintain the natural character of Alta. Trail crew volunteers also helped maintain and enhance the popular Albion Meadows Trail, Cecret Lake Trail, and the Catherine's Pass Trail in Albion Basin.

### **New Funding Partnerships**

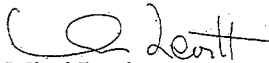
Our newest partnership is with Alta Shuttle. As a way to support their community and giving back to the environment, Alta Shuttle will be donating 2% of all Alta revenue to Friends of Alta this winter. Please help us spread the word that by using Alta Shuttle you are also supporting FOA's environmental programs and stewardship.

Friends of Alta received its first \$1,000 contribution through the *Real Estate Advantage Program for the Benefit of Friends of Alta*. Just days after our spring newsletter was mailed, we received an inquiry about the program. Broker Jim Williams graciously accepted the request by his client and upon completion of the property transaction sent us a donation check (see photo in the enclosed financial report). If you are interested in this program or know someone about to buy or sell property in Utah or Idaho please contact FOA or Jim Williams at 801.539.8060 or visit [www.williamsrealtyutah.com](http://www.williamsrealtyutah.com). The *Real Estate Advantage Program for the Benefit of Friends of Alta* can also be used worldwide through a referral network program, so you can take advantage of this program and support Friends of Alta no matter where your property transaction occurs.

### **Appeal**

Our Board of Directors and staff thank everyone who has already contributed to Friends of Alta this year; we hope this newsletter will bestow a sense of pride that you have made a difference in a place that you love. If you have never donated to Friends of Alta or haven't had the opportunity yet this year, please consider making a donation to help us preserve Alta. We welcome large and small donations. We also hope that you will consider contacting us about planned giving as part of your estate planning.

Cordially,



Mimi Levitt  
President



Laura McIndoe  
Executive Director

P.S. Friends of Alta is now producing organic cotton tee shirts and athletic socks for both men and women. Be first in your circle of friends to wear your support of Friends of Alta. The women's black tees have a slender cut that can be dressed up or down and the socks make great gifts for the hiker, runner or cyclist in your family. Please use the enclosed insert to order now for the holidays.

*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.*