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***Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* Continues the Public Dialogue**

On November 4th and 5th, Envision Utah will begin the second round of public meetings for the *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* process, the first step in updating Salt Lake County's master plan for the Wasatch Canyons. All open houses are from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.:

November 4th

Skyline High School (cafeteria) [3251 East 3760 South, Salt Lake City]

Sandy City Hall (2nd floor multi-purpose room) [10000 Centennial Parkway, Sandy]

November 5th

West High School (in "Commons Area") [241 North 300 West, Salt Lake City]

West Jordan High School (media center) [8136 South 2700 West, West Jordan]

Participants at the open houses will be able to review and comment on a range of policy scenarios dealing with watersheds, recreation, transportation and development. The scenarios reflect the more than 5,000 comments received during the first round of public involvement in May, and project the long-range impacts of various policy choices.

"By making wise decisions today and planning for tomorrow," said Alan Matheson, executive director of Envision Utah, "we – and our children and grandchildren – will continue to enjoy the remarkable Wasatch Canyons well into the future. Involving the public in a meaningful way ensures that decisions about the canyons encompass broad considerations and meet public needs. *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* is the vehicle to do this."

The State of Utah, Salt Lake County, and Salt Lake City are sponsoring this public process. The U.S. Forest Service is a supportive partner, supplying technical expertise, and Envision Utah is serving as project facilitator. This process may also influence future revisions of other relevant plans in the study area, such as the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache Forest Plan or Salt Lake City's Watershed Management Plan.

The Wasatch Mountains and canyons are central to the quality of life we enjoy. Their watersheds provide more than 50% of the drinking water for over 500,000 Salt Lake County residents, they create unequalled recreational opportunities, and they attract tourism to the state. Our region's future is tied to the future of the canyons.

Those unable to attend can complete an important survey on www.wasatchcanyons.slco.org.