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Salt Lake Ranger District
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Dear Interested Party,

This letter follows up on our October 24, 2008, scoping of Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort's single-track mountain bike trail. You provided scoping comments, so we wanted to let you know about some changes to the proposal that Snowbird has requested and see if you have any further issues or concerns.

Our review and public scoping comments identified water quality concerns and recreation and trail riding experience issues related to the proposed trail alignment. Snowbird contracted a professional mountain trail design and construction professional to review the site and see if the alignment could be adjusted in response to these two issues. They came up with a revised alignment that we believe better addresses both concerns (see attached map).

The new alignment would begin and end at the same points, but it would reduce the number of stream or drainage crossings from nine to two. It would be about 0.2 miles shorter and slightly steeper, with just four switchbacks. The original alignment proposed a 3-5% grade and the realigned trail proposes a 5-7% grade. Trail width would remain approximately three feet wide. The realigned trail design and grade would be more consistent with typical mountain bike trail design standards.

Much of the new alignment would be located on long switchbacks into the wooded hillside to the east of Big Emma ski run. The trail would be designed to wind around trees and other landscape features to minimize impacts and make the ride more interesting. A number of standard design criteria and construction practices would be utilized to minimize runoff and erosion from the trail and reduce visual impacts.

If you have any new issues, beyond those identified in your first scoping response, please let us know by March 27, 2009. Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments must be submitted to: Salt Lake District Ranger, 6944 South 3000 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84121. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone (801) 733-2689 or in person; or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments. Electronic comments must be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-saltlake@fs.fed.us. For



further information contact Steve Scheid at (801) 733-2689 or sscheid@fs.fed.us. We appreciate your interest in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

Sincerely,

/s/ Catherine H. Kahlow
CATHERINE H. KAHLOW
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Enclosure