

THIS IS WHY WE FIGHT . . .



Rounds, A. "The Valley" (view from Little Cottonwood Canyon). www.alrounds.com

For those of us living near the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon, it's not a new problem. Snow day ski traffic has long influenced our travel schedule. But we learned to deal with it. When Mountain Accord was organized, we were optimistic. We hoped for a sensible solution. A gondola is not a sensible solution.

For years we participated in the process. We actively provided input and perspective, having lived with the problem for over 30 years. We talked of canyon closures, avalanches, traffic flow, and canyon carrying capacity. We talked about economics, ecology, transportation and recreation. We attended meetings. We weighed alternatives.

We live near the canyon because we love it. Its unparalleled beauty stuns us every time we see it. This is why we flock to the canyon. Not just for the awesome skiing and unmatched powder, not just for the spectacular climbing, hiking, and mountain biking, but for the unmatched beauty.

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Friends of Little Cottonwood Canyon came together to protect that beauty. As a group of local residents who have long enjoyed the natural beauty of Little Cottonwood Canyon, we believe the canyon should be protected from expansive development and overuse for future generations. We have grown up with the canyon and want to see our children grow up enjoying the same pristine views and unspoiled wilderness. We believe a gondola system will scar Little Cottonwood Canyon forever. It will be pervasive. It will be permanent. The main viewpoint of the canyon will no longer be the granite rock face behind Wasatch Resort. It will no longer be the expansive view from the wild flowers of Albion Basin. It will no longer be the streaks of golden aspen in the fall. The main viewpoint of Little Cottonwood Canyon will be twenty-two skyscraper-sized towers with 40 bus-sized gondolas riding on a steel cable.

We understand that development and population growth will continue to pressure the canyon, however, we call for a commonsense, phased solution to these challenges. Practical and effective ideas such as snow sheds, variable tolling, smart bussing, and tire traction requirements should be implemented before jumping to a \$600 million dollar, taxpayer-funded, irreversible gondola that will forever change Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Private businesses such as Snowbird and Alta should not expect taxpayers to foot the \$600 million dollar bill for an outsized system that will only serve a narrow segment of the population. The gondola is not a mass transit solution – it's a tourist attraction paid for by Utah taxpayers.

With water becoming an increasingly vital and scarce resource, we need to be more diligent to safeguard the LCC watershed and protect our limited water supply. Inserting a gondola into this fragile environment will put our most precious resource at risk and that's a risk we can't afford to take.

With the help of SOC and other like-minded citizens, we can work together to keep our wilderness wild and our water safe while spending responsibly to protect the canyons for future generations. This is why we fight.

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