### **Salt Lake County West General Plan**

## **Online Community Engagement Meetings**

#### **March 2021**

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#### What is a General Plan?

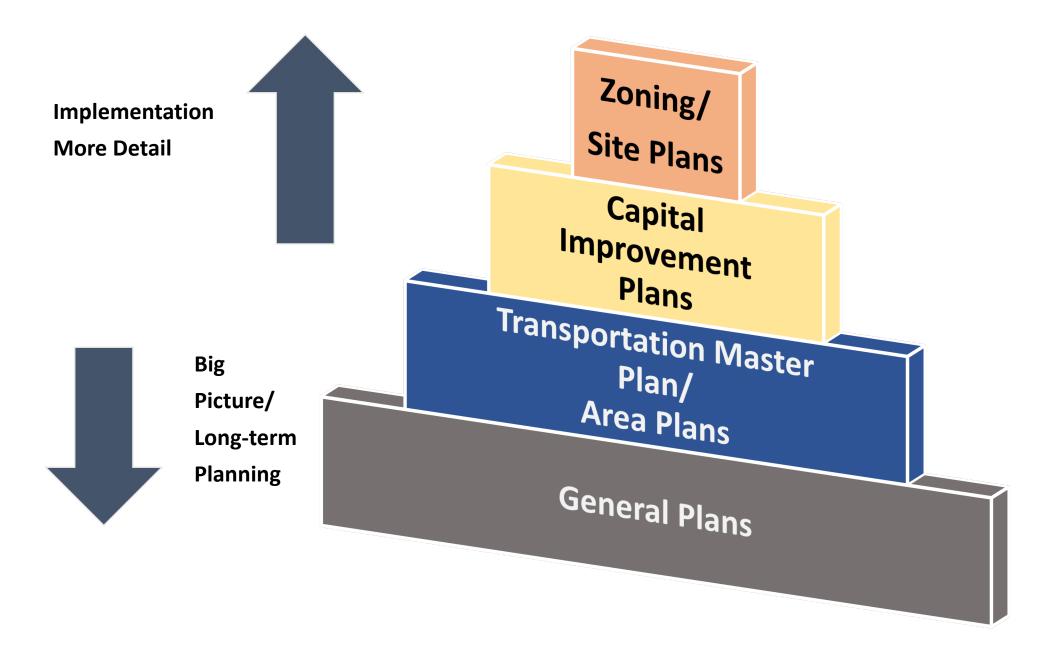
A long range or comprehensive plan for Counties

- General Plans are general in nature and not detailed master plans
- Typically, General Plans consider a 15–20-year planning horizon, but this plan goes even a little farther into the future.

General Plans are required by Utah State code (17-27a-403)



#### **Planning to Implementation Process**





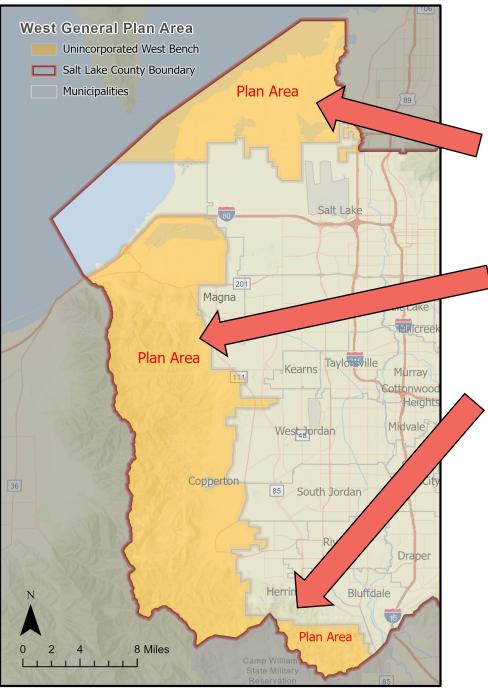
#### What is included in a General Plan?

 Required elements - Land use, Transportation, and Housing

 The West General Plan will also include Environment & Conservation, Recreation, Economy, Utilities & Public Safety







# **Major Areas of the Plan**

**Shoreline Heritage** 

North & Central Oquirrhs

# SW Oquirrhs & Traverse Mountains

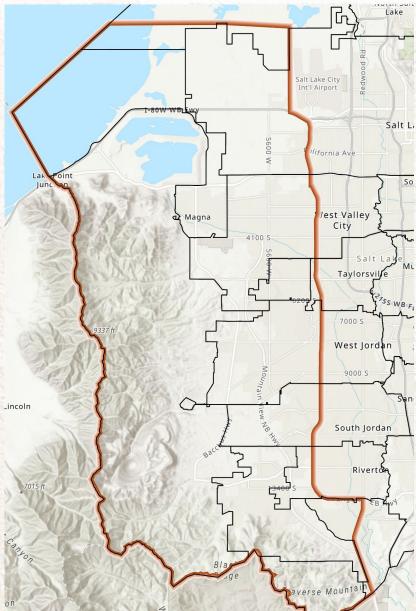


#### What has happened so far?

#### Oquirrh View Existing Conditions Report

Two Year Regional Study 2018/19 – 173 pgs., Bangerter to top of Oquirrhs

**OquirrhView.org** 





#### What has happened so far?

Public <u>Survey</u> # 1 Conducted fall 2019

- Topics:
- Issues of Concern
- Recreation
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Housing
- 2,534 completed surveys

Planning for the West Bench Oquirrh View Opinion Survey #1 Summary

Oquirrh View Survey #1 Summary



1/10/2020





#### **Groundwork:**

- Cities
- Stakeholders
- Landowners and managers
- Audubon/ Rio Tinto ISSR
- Rio Tinto Oquirrhs
- Camp Williams
- **SLCo Yellow Fork/Rose**
- others 2018-present







#### What has happened so far?

- Monthly Planning Commission review
- Regular Steering Committee review
- Meetings with stakeholders and elected officials
- Public surveys and meetings



Data Source: Salt Lake County

#### **Draft Vision Statements** (summary)

LAND USE



Preserve open spaces, plan cohesive communities and commercial developments built around centers.

HOUSING

Housing affordability throughout communities while harmonizing housing design with the natural environment.

TRANSPORTATION



Provide access to affordable and convenient transportation systems.

ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION



Preserve natural environments for public recreation and ecosystem benefits.

RECREATION



Connect communities with diverse recreational facilities that are available in all seasons.

ECONOMY



Develop diverse employment opportunities located in proximity to housing and transportation nodes on the west side.

Build reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable services.

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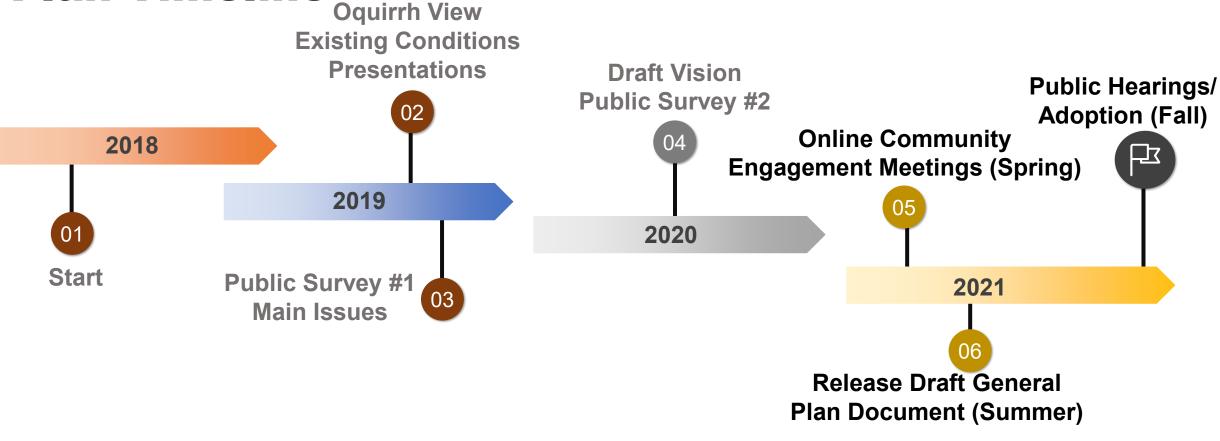
#### Public <u>Survey</u> #2 Draft Vision Aug-Sept 2020



- 2066 Total Responses (Spanish & English)
- 3,876 comments
  - Please review the survey if you have not



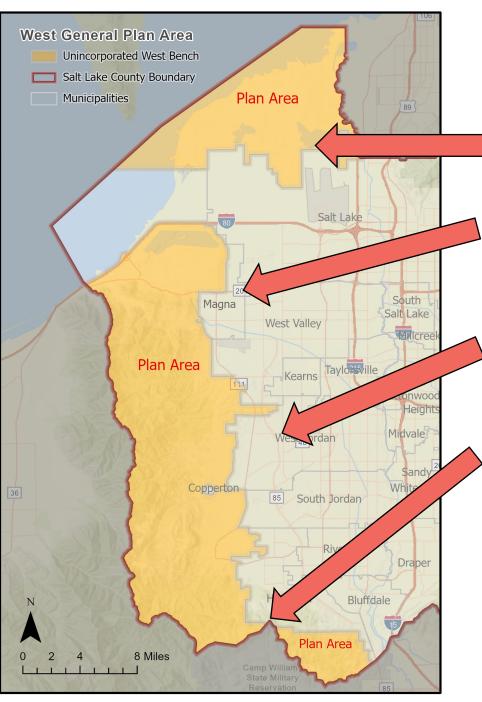
#### **Plan Timeline**



#### ONGOING

**RESEARCH – LISTENING – REACHING OUT** 

- INVOLVING (PLANNING COMMISSION, STAKEHOLDERS, STEERING COMMITTEE, COUNTY COUNCIL, PUBLIC)



#### Focus Areas for Online Meetings

1) Shoreline (SLC, Magna) – Mar. 15

2) North Oquirrhs (Magna, WVC, Kearns) – Mar. 18

3) Central Oquirrhs (WJ, SJ, Herriman) -Mar. 17

4) SW Oquirrhs/Traverse Mountains (Herriman, Riverton, Bluffdale, Camp Williams) – Mar. 22

#### **Shoreline Area**



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### Shoreline

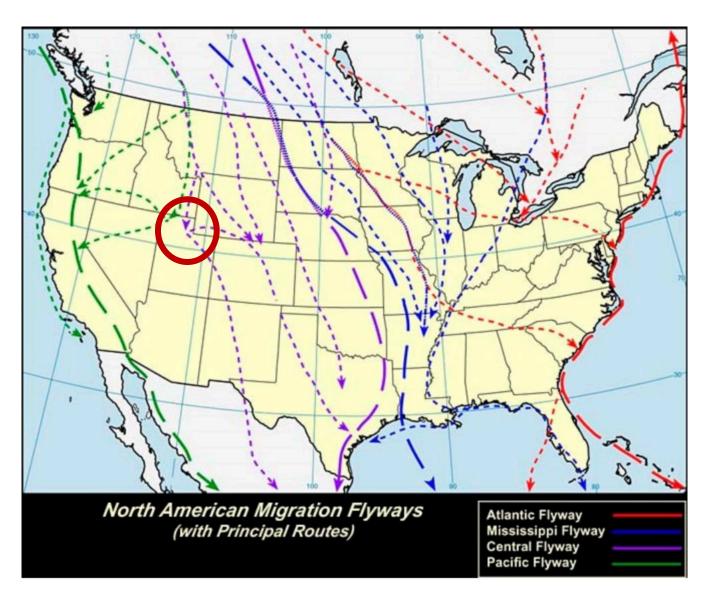
"Water levels in Great Salt Lake – the largest saline lake in the Western Hemisphere – are in decline threatening billions of dollars in economic activity a globally important ecosystem, local public health, and other critical values that the lake supports, including the lake's essential contribution to Utah's water cycle through lake effect precipitation." Source State of Utah GSL Resolution HCR 10 Executive Summary Recommendations to Ensure Adequate Water

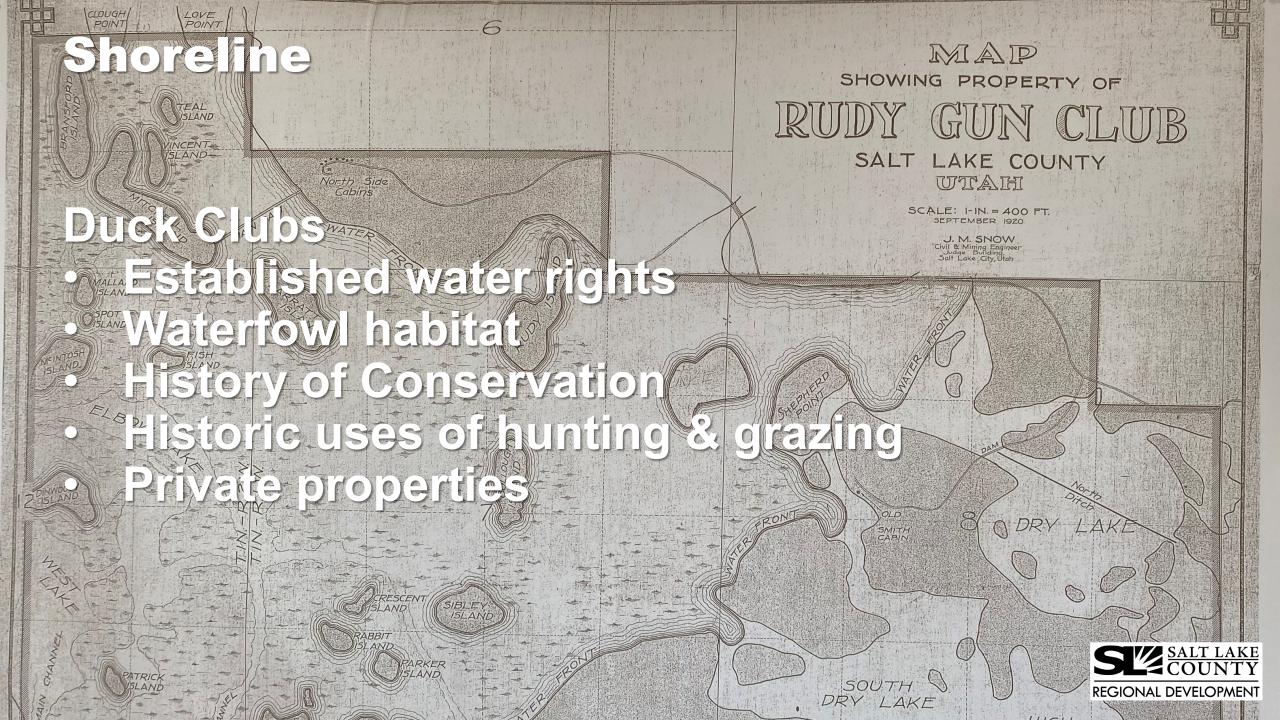
Flows to Great Salt Lake and Its Wetlands



# **Global bird flyways and the Great Salt Lake**







# Shoreline

# **Bird Refuges/Conservation Areas**

- Private properties
- Shorebird habitat
- Significant benefits to Great Salt Lake
- Current Uses: habitat (primary) grazing (secondary)

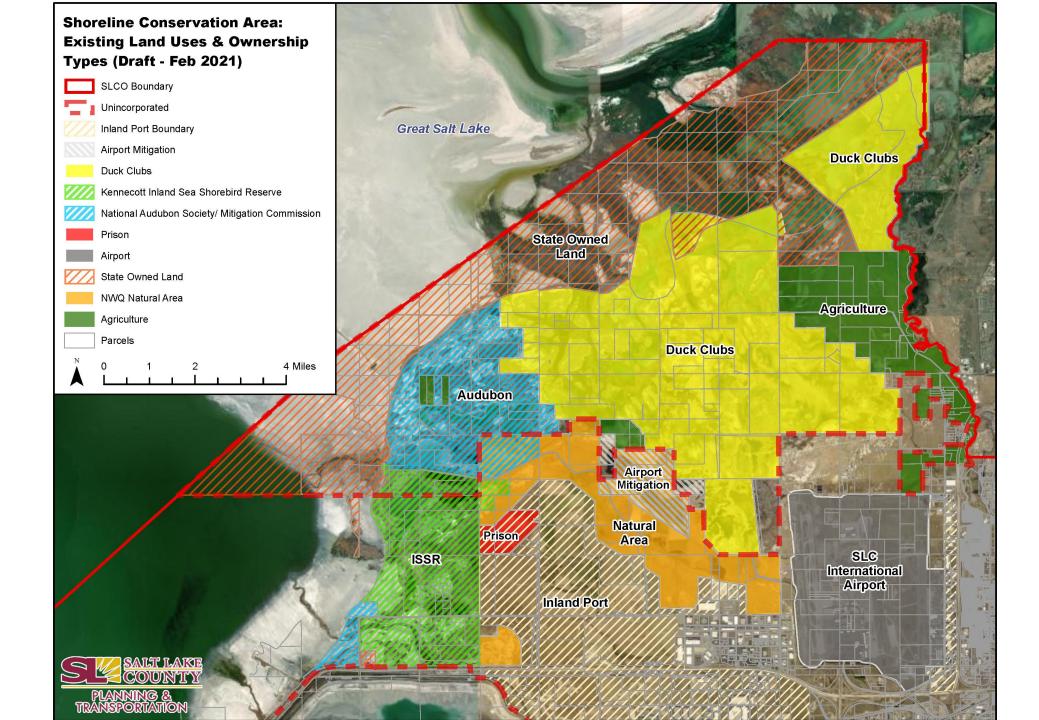


# Shoreline

**Agriculture uses since 1890s** 

- Private properties Habitat compatible •
- **Conservation use**
- Continued uses grazing, farming, • hunting





# Shoreline Area Issues and concerns

- Preserved areas are private properties (will continue)
- Potential effects from a hotter and drier Utah climate
- Great Salt Lake shrinking over time
- Potential road expansions
- Potential utility corridor expansions
- Potential use of agriculture lands for development
- Conflicting uses between bird habitats and adjacent land uses and recent or potential changes
- Illegal dumping
- Invasive species
- Stormwater management
- Lighting from adjacent operations affecting bird species



# Shoreline Area Opportunities

- Additional opportunities to further preserve land and habitat
  - Creation of buffers between uses and habitats
  - Continue agricultural uses and farm preservation
  - Potential public bird habitat and outreach educational center (Rio Tinto)
  - Potential for partnerships to achieve common goals



## Shoreline Area – Potential General Plan Recommendations

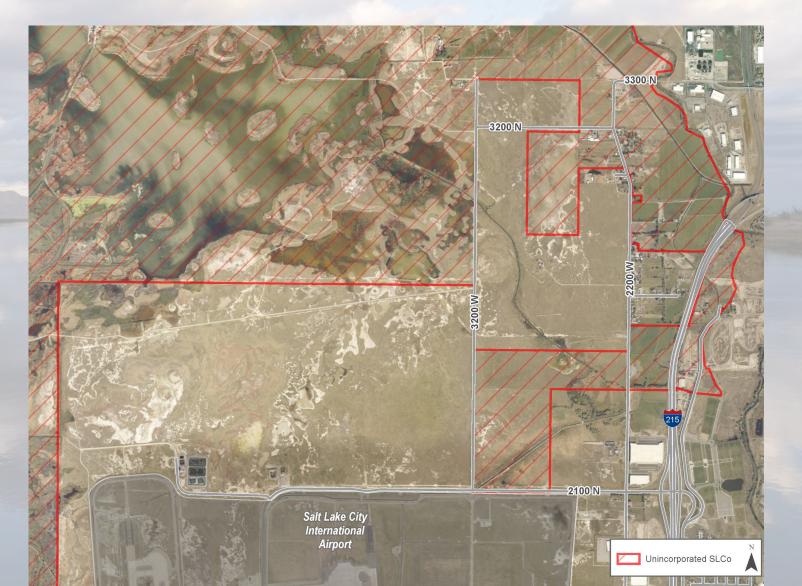
- Promote awareness of the shoreline area and the ecological contribution to the Great Salt Lake watershed and ecosystem
- Future land use and zoning changes focused on conservation
- More efforts on water conservation (for entire plan area)
- Ensure future transportation and utilities are compatible with conservation goals
- Explore and consider additional conservation tools
- Additional collaboration on removing invasive weeds



Evan Barrientos Audubon

### Shoreline Area – Potential General Plan Recommendations

- 3200 West
- 2200 West
- 3200 North
- Conservation areas



# **Draft Future Land Use Map**

#### Future Land Uses (DRAFT - March 2021)



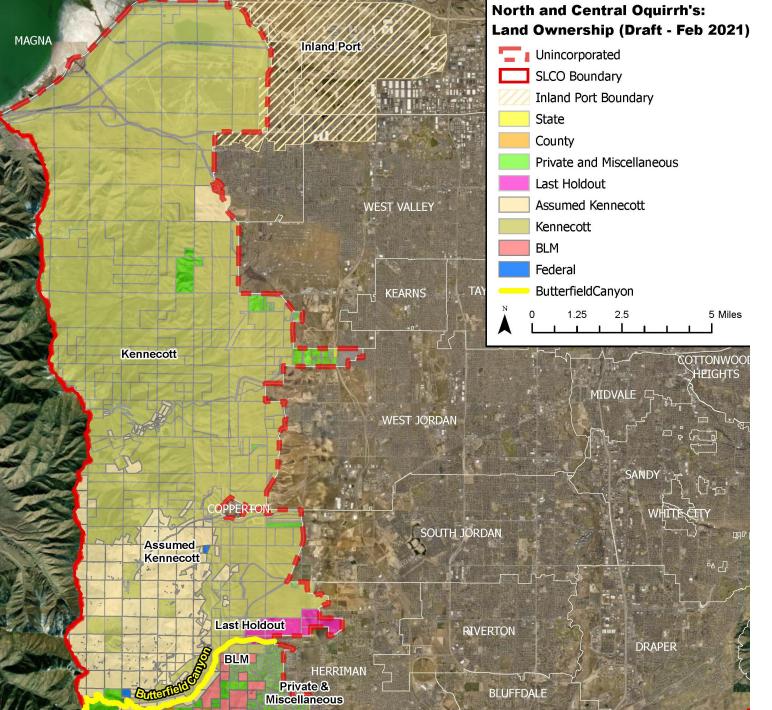
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# **North/Central Oquirrhs**



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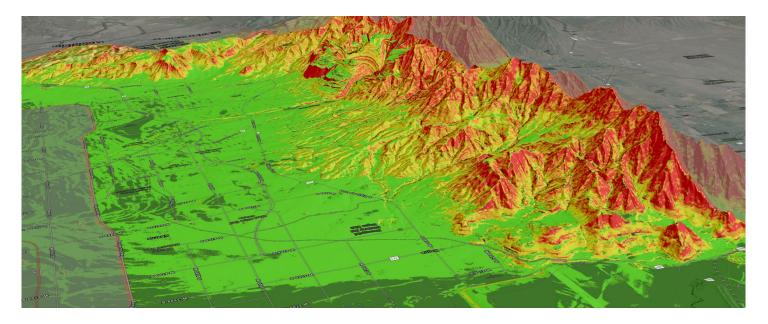


# Oquirrhs

#### Wasatch



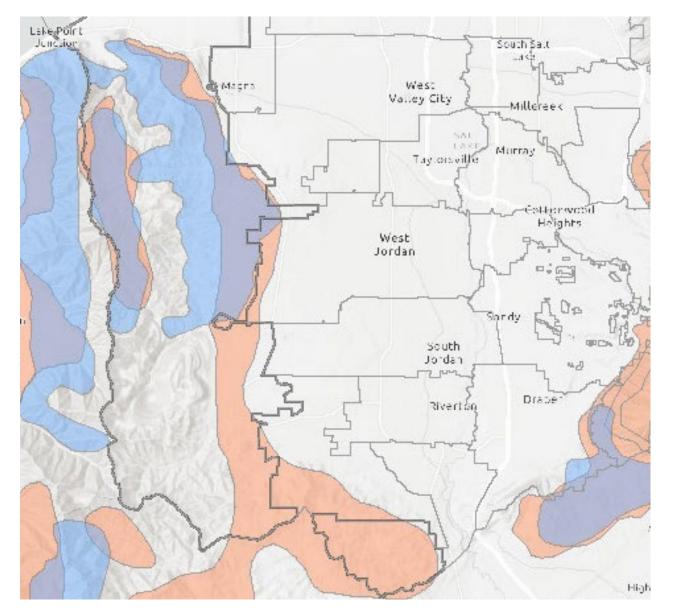
Cross Section from Nelson Peak to Twin Peaks

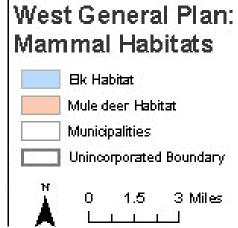


Oquirrh Mountains steep slopes in red



## **North/Central Oquirrhs – Habitat**







# North/Central Oquirrhs Background on historical uses (mining)

- Bingham Kennecott Mine began operation in 1906
- Deepest/ largest open pit mine in the world
- Approximately <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile deep and 2.5 miles wide
- 11,500 acres have been reclaimed at the cost of 500 million dollars
- Current proposed operation timeframe early-to-mid 2030s



# North/Central Oquirrhs Issues and concerns

- Post-mining impacts
- East-west traffic
- Need for additional transportation systems
- Need for more local jobs
- Water availability
- Utility infrastructure for fast growing areas
- Potential loss of habitat and forested areas in Oquirrhs
- Land development and growing population near active mining areas
- Wildfire risks
- Housing affordability
- Air quality/sustainability



# North/Central Oquirrhs Opportunities

- Time to plan/improve transit and transportation solutions
- Mining related uses:
  - Reclamation
  - Conservation of natural lands and habitats
  - Development of new recreational trails and parks
  - Potential for clean energy production (e.g. solar)
  - Potential for master planned communities with centers, jobs, housing and recreation/open space
- Potential Midas area could be developed near-to-mid term time frame (3500 acres)
- Coordination of master planned communities among multiple jurisdictions
- West Bonneville Shoreline Trail



# North/Central Oquirrhs Potential General Plan Recommendations

- Establish a regional land conservation plan and process
- County to collaborate with other jurisdictions in negotiating with Rio Tinto for land conservation and access to Oquirrh Mountains
- Continue mining reclamation process with Rio Tinto, County Health Department, State Department of Environmental Quality, Utah Division Oil Gas, Mining and Environmental Protection Agency

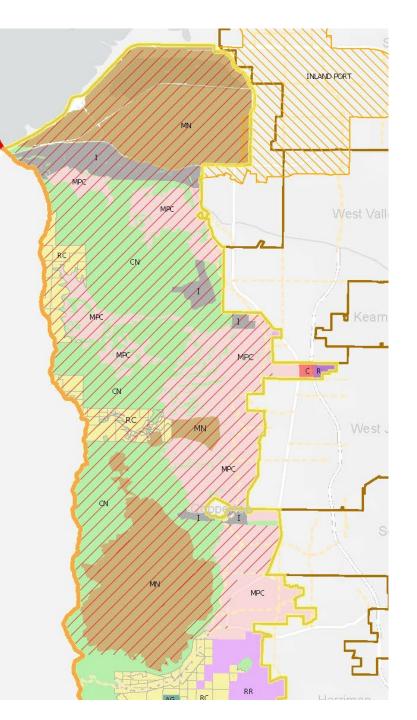
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- Potential future land uses: Conservation, Recreation, Master Planned Communities, Industrial, Commercial
- Update Master Planned Community process requiring detailed planning of utilities, transportation, housing, land conservation, development agreement requirements, jobs, zoning standards, centers, complete communities (housing, commercial, retail, civic, schools, institutional)
- Work with Rio Tinto to solidify agreements and alignments for future west Bonneville Shoreline Trail and associated trails

# Draft Future Land Use Map

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MPC - Master Planned Communities
ML - Military
MN - ReclaimedHistoric Mine
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R - Residential
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SC - Shoreline Conservation (AG & Habitat)
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# **Land Use & Transportation Relationship**

**Transportation Land Planning & Improvements & Transportation Planning** Land Development **Improved Mobility** Land use changes



## Regional Transportation Plan Active Transportation

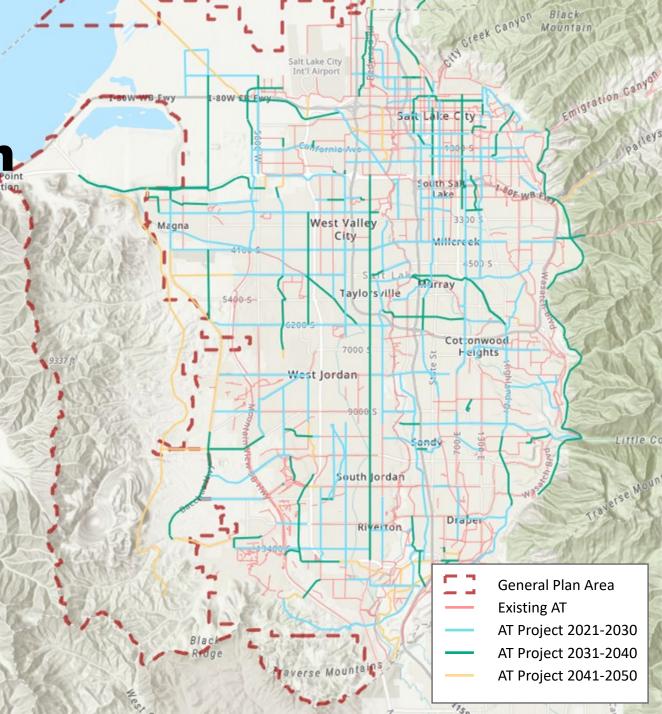
#### **Planned Projects**

- Bonneville Shoreline Trail West
- SR-111 Shared Use Path
- Bacchus Highway Bike Lanes
- East/West Connections
  - SR 201

Highway

- 4100 South
- 4700 South
- 6200 South
- 7800 South
- 9000 South
- Old Bingham

- South Jordan Parkway
- 11800 South
- Herriman Highway

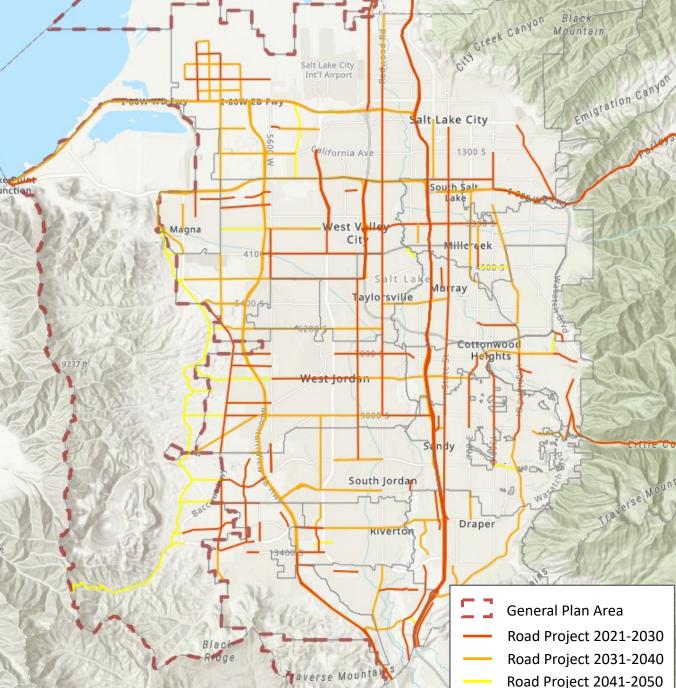


## Regional Transportation Plan Roads

**Planned Projects** 

- Oquirrh Boulevard New Construction
- SR-111 Widening
- Herriman Parkway Extension
- Butterfield Canyon Road (Oquirrh Connection)
- East/West Connections
  - SR 201
  - 4100 South
  - 4700 South
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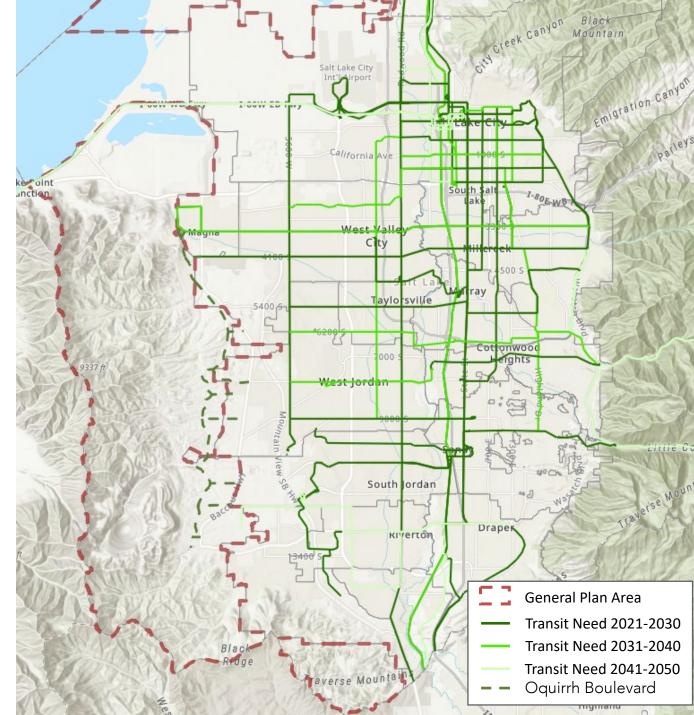
- 9000 South
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### Regional Transportation Plan Transit

**Planned Projects** 

- 3300 South / 3500 South Corridor Core Route
- 3300 South / 3500 South Corridor Bus Rapid Transit
- 3900 South / 4100 South Corridor Core Service
- 11800 South to Olympia Hills Core Service
- East/West Connections
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# **Southwest SLCo Transportation Study**

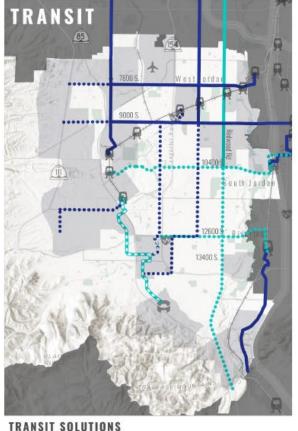
#### PREFERRED SCENARIO

6/7 Lanes

Freeways







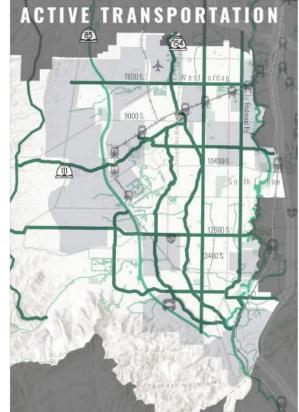
- ----- Core Service 15/Express Bus - Core Service 5
- --- Autonomous Transit Evaluation \*\*\*\*\*\* Projects Beyond the RTP+

\*Local Service & Microtransit will be included to support core service

Existing Rail Stations

Growth Adjustments

→ Existing Rail



#### ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS

- Planned AT Backbone
  - Growth Adjustments
- Existing AT Backbone ----- Other Planned/Existing AT
- ······ Projects Beyond the RTP+

\*Local Active Transportation facilities will be included to support the system



https://wfrc.org/studies/sw-slco-transportation-analysis-and-solutions-development/

## Regional Connectivity

#### **AT Connections**

- Most bikeways/trails on regional roads
- Other Multi-use Trails
  - Decker Lake / Magna Trail

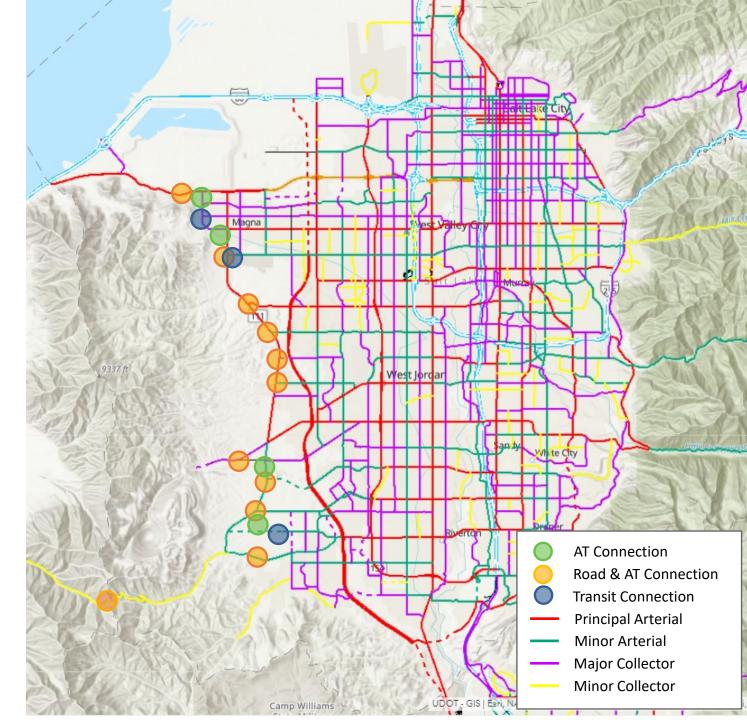
- Bingham Creek
  Trail
- Utah & Salt Lake Canal Trail
- Midas Creek Trail

#### **Transit Connections**

Limited to Magna and 11800 South

#### **Road Connections**

- Multiple corridors for east/west connections
- Most are to arterial roads (5/7 lanes)



# **Local Connectivity**

Create a network of streets

Includes all users

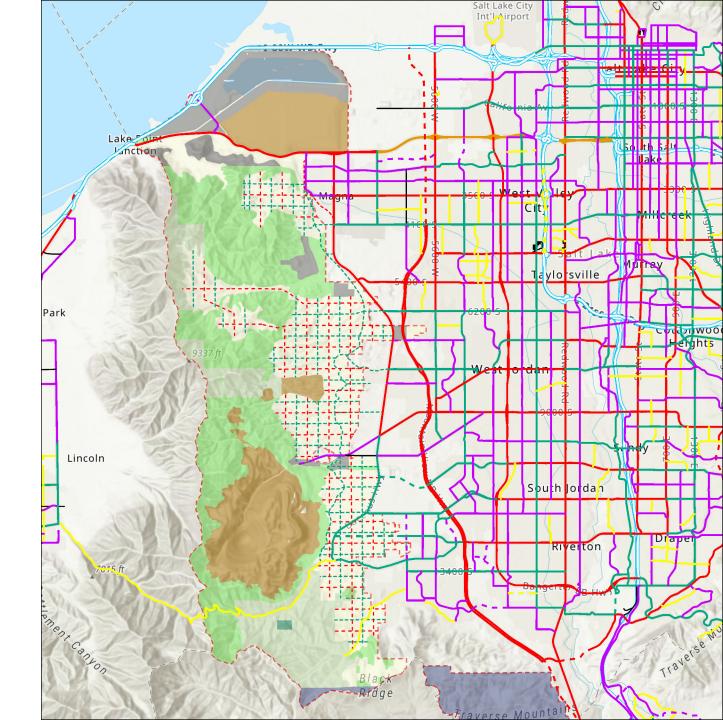
Accommodates all modes

Build a human-scale network

- Dense network of streets and intersections
- Attractive and convenient to pedestrians

Align and connect all new streets

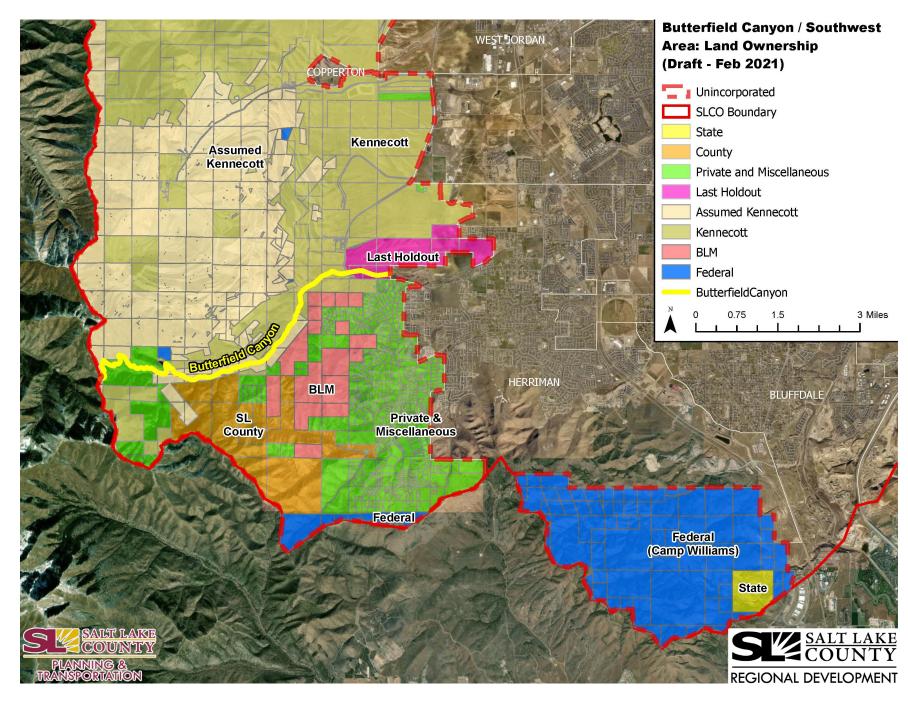
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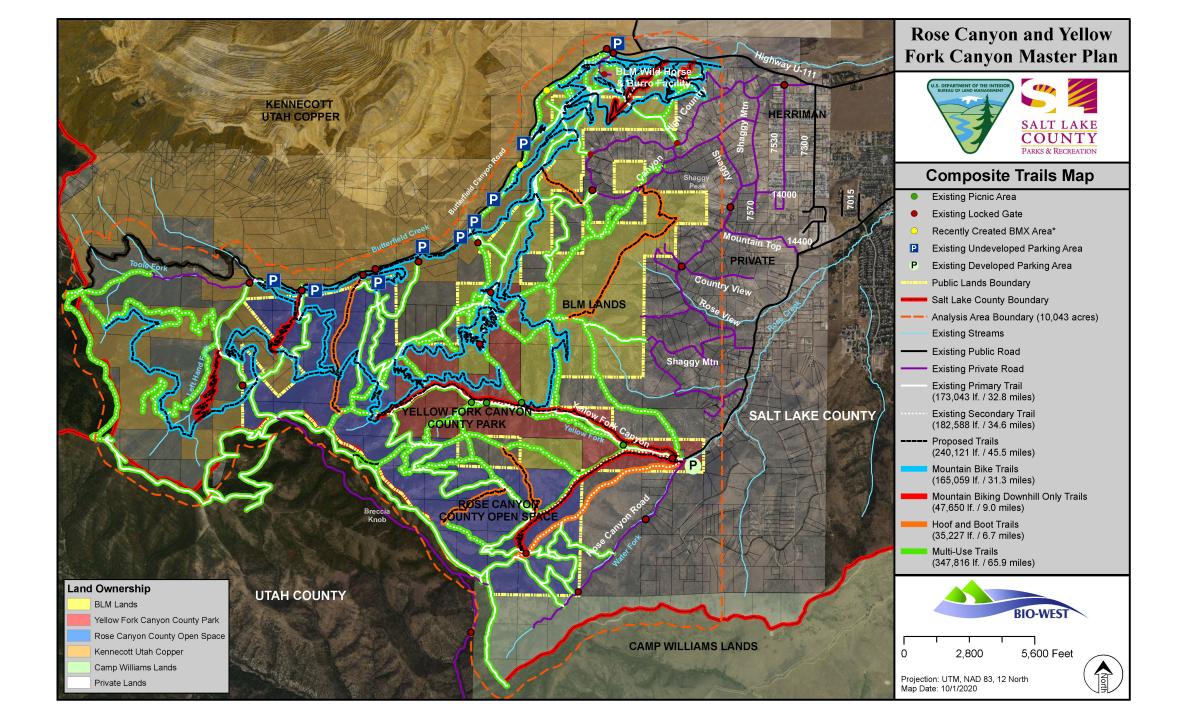


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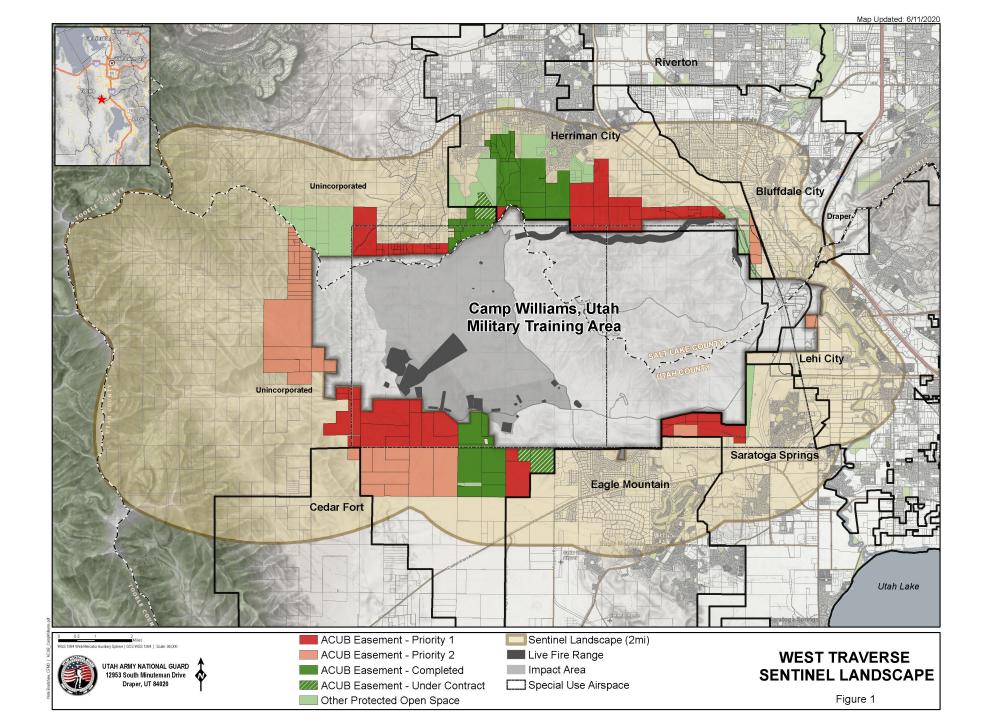


## **Southwest Oquirrhs & Traverse Mountains**

## **Camp Williams**

- Approximately 52 square miles (both Utah County and Salt Lake County)
- Began in 1914
- Provides training to Utah National Guard, local police and military forces





#### **Southwest Oquirrhs & Traverse Mountains Issues & concerns**

- East-west traffic
- Need for additional transportation systems
- Need for more local jobs
- Water availability
- Utility infrastructure for fast growing areas
- Potential loss of habitat and forested areas in Oquirrhs
- Drought and wildfire risks
- Growing recreational demands for Butterfield Canyon & Yellow Fork/Rose Canyon
  - Road width, debris, graffiti, lack of cellular service, lack of amenities
  - Needed additional maintenance for trails and roads
  - Multiple landowners
- Camp Williams
  - Incompatible adjacent development, trespassing, wildfire risks, and poaching

## Southwest Oquirrhs & Traverse Mountains Opportunities

- Butterfield, Yellow Fork and Rose Canyon could become a major outdoor recreation destination (comparable to Mill Creek or Corner Canyon)
  - Trails (hiking, running, mt. biking, and equestrian)
  - Landowners working together SLCo, BLM, Rio Tinto, Camp Williams, Herriman and others
- Camp Williams
  - Working to acquire lands for a 1/2 1 mile buffer around military base
  - Buffer would be used to reduce wildfire risk, habitat preservation, outdoor recreation (trails)

### Southwest Oquirrhs & Traverse Mountains Potential General Plan Recommendations

- Potential future land uses: Recreation, Conservation, Rural Residential, and Military
- SLCo to plan for Butterfield, Yellow Fork and Rose Canyons
  - Trails Master Plan in progress (hiking, running, mt. biking, and equestrian)
  - Butterfield Canyon road and recreation corridor planning with landowners and partners
    - Plan to finance improvements
  - Landowner collaboration (SLCo, BLM, Rio Tinto, Camp Williams, Herriman and others)

#### Southwest Oquirrhs & Traverse Mountains Potential General Plan Recommendations

- Acknowledge and support continued operations of Camp Williams for training of armed forces, National guard and police
- Support Camp Williams with buffer lands, preservation of open space and outdoor recreation planning
- Work with Camp Williams to connect future preservation areas with the County's Yellow Fork and Rose Canyon trail system
- High Country Estates to continue as rural residential

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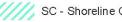
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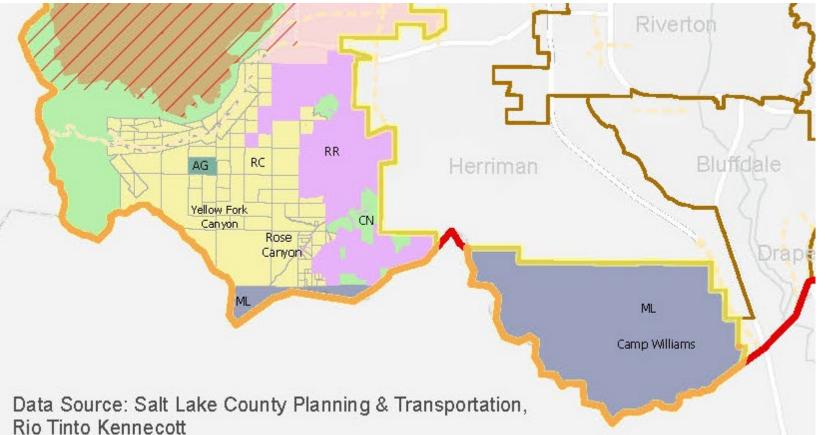
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# **Questions & Discussion**



# Thank you for participating

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