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Join Summit Land Conservancy and help protect local land forever.

PRESERVED!



FAWCETT RANCH

Working with long-time Summit County landowners and a coalition of funding sources, the Summit Land Conservancy has permanently protected 42 acres along the Weber River near Henefer. This river-front property contains two of the rare natural river bends left in this section of the Weber River. Deer, elk, bald eagles, sandhill cranes, and brown trout all find important habitat on the property.

Since 1907, the Fawcett family has owned and farmed this property. Legend says that the Mormon pioneers crossed the Weber River here in 1847. For the last hundred years, the Fawcetts have used the land to raise sheep, cattle and hay. They wanted to protect this heritage and pass it on to their descendants.

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Summit Land Conservancy, in partnership with landowners, facilitates the permanent protection of Summit County's remaining agricultural lands, viewsheds, animal habitats, waterways and rangelands.

JOIN US AND HELP SAVE LAND



KID'S CORNER



Looking for a fun way to enjoy local open spaces with your kids this summer? Join the Summit Land Conservancy's Junior Steward program!

By completing several fun activities on three open spaces in Park City, kids will learn to be stewards of our protected lands and earn a Junior Steward t-shirt.

For more information contact Anne: mail@summitlandconservancy.org



OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Wild & Scenic Film Festival



In Partnership with Patagonia and local businesses, the Summit Land Conservancy presented Park City's first Wild & Scenic Film Festival.

The films ranged from short documentaries about urban homesteading to a feature presentation exploring the effects of America's roadways on wildlife populations.

The turnout was great, and we are already looking into organizing a repeat series, with new films, in 2010.



Stand On Your Land

On Saturday, June 6th the Summit Land Conservancy and local supporters spent the day celebrating and enjoying local trails, lands and scenery during National Trails Day.

The event brought together local residents while spreading the word about the Summit Land Conservancy and the value of open space.



Volunteers Needed for “Adopt an Easement”

Do you have time to adopt an easement? Simply select your favorite trail or open space that the Summit Land Conservancy protects and report back to us on the condition of the area in and around the property. This helps us ensure that our treasured open spaces are protected for future generations.

Click here to adopt an easement:

www.summitlandconservancy.org/adopt_an_easement.html

Easements available for adoption:

Empire Canyon	Iron Mountain
McPolin Farm	Rail Trail
Quarry Mountain	Main Street UP&L
Round Valley	Virginia Mining Claims
The Enclave at Cedar Draw	

New 1% for Open Space Participants

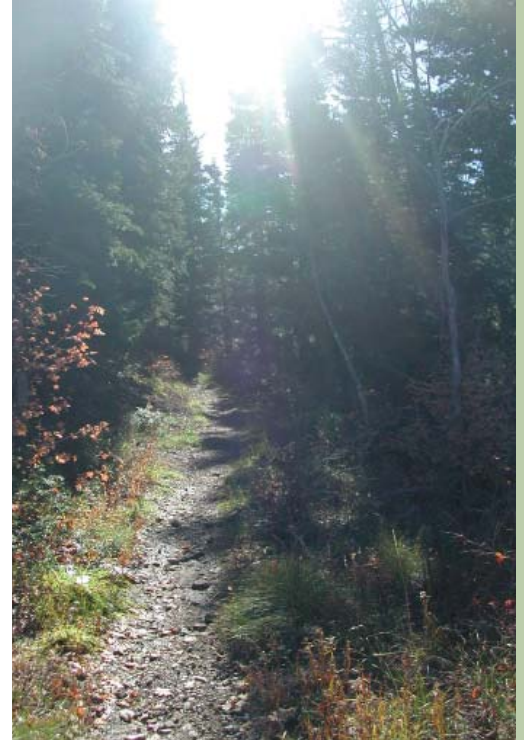
Park City Magazine and Marmot on Main have joined the Summit Land Conservancy’s 1% for Open Space program. This program allows local businesses to support open space by adding a small donation to their customers’ purchase price. These small



donations add up, resulting in large contributions that help permanently protect local open spaces like Round Valley and the newly preserved Fawcett Ranch. If you enjoy local open spaces, wildlife, and recreational access, please support the businesses who help the Summit Land Conservancy protect them.

Learn More:

www.summitlandconservancy.org/1percent.html



1% Participants

White Pine Touring

Jans Mountain Outfitters

Deer Valley Resort

Park City Lodging

350 Main Brasserie

R. L. Peek Painting Contractors

The Marmot Store

Park City Nursery

ParkCitySkiPlace.com

Cole Sport

Park City Magazine



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Kent Fawcett explains, “40 years ago, a property owner in rural Summit County had a dream and two choices: the dream was to leave their children a legacy of land, regardless of size, that had brought many days of hard work and fulfillment to the family. The choices were to continue to farm the property with minimal return on investment, or develop and sell the property into the housing market.”

He goes on to state that “the recent growth and development of Summit County has brought with it an opportunity that did not exist in 1970, that is to preserve our farm in its present state for generations to enjoy. The Summit Land Conservancy has delivered this opportunity to our door step and made it a reality”

The Park City based Summit Land Conservancy’s mission is to work with landowners to save as much of the remaining open land in Summit County as possible. “It’s our job to put together the partnerships to protect these kinds of properties,” says Executive Director, Cheryl Fox. Over the last year, the Summit Land Conservancy raised the money to purchase a conservation easement on the property. “In essence we’re buying the development rights off the property,” explains Fox. “The family made a substantial donation by reducing the cost of those rights, then we found partners who shared the family’s commitment to maintaining agricultural uses, wildlife habitat, clean water, and scenic open space.”

Those partners include the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources’ Habitat Council, the Utah Division of Water Quality, the Eastern Summit County Agricultural Preservation Committee, the George S. and Delores Doré Eccles Foundation, the Mellen Foundation and Geary Construction. High Country Fly Fishers and the Stonefly Society, both local chapters of Trout Unlimited, also made significant contributions, recognizing that, as local river-front ranches are turned into subdivisions, access to the fishery is often restricted.

The Summit Land Conservancy also used funds generated from its 1% for Open Space program to complete the purchase of this easement. Local businesses who participate in 1% for Open Space, such as White Pine Touring, Deer Valley Resort, and Park City Lodging, help raise funds to protect open space by asking their customers for a small donation.

The Fawcett family can now keep their property, as they have for the last 100 years. They can continue to farm and ranch the land and pass it on to their heirs or sell it to another farmer or rancher. Thanks to the Fawcett’s willingness to work with the Summit Land Conservancy, future generations of Summit County residents will be able to enjoy the views, the wildlife, and the river forever.

The Summit Land Conservancy is working to protect an additional 1500 acres of open space in Summit County by the end of 2009. For more information on local open space, visit www.summitlandconservancy.org.

As of December 2008, the Summit Land Conservancy holds over 2,000 acres in conservation easements in some of the community’s most treasured landscapes, from Round Valley to the McPolin Farmlands. By the end of 2009, the Summit Land Conservancy will protect an additional 1800 acres of critical lands.

The Summit Land Conservancy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.