
SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 1, 2007

SUBJECT: **Funding of Agreement with Forest Service
for Protection of Watershed**

AFFECTED COUNCIL DISTRICTS: Citywide

STAFF REPORT BY: Lehua Weaver

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT.
AND CONTACT PERSON:** Public Utilities
LeRoy Hooton

Each year, for the past several years, the Department of Public Utilities has contracted with the Forest Service for patrol of the backcountry in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. The Forest Service also provides watershed education and protection in the Silver Lake area. This year, a front-country patrol has been added. The Forest Service requires a separate funding agreement each year to authorize the Forest Service to collect the City's payments. It was incorrectly reported in last year's staff report that it was the last year of the five-year contract. The 2007 season will in fact be the last year of the five-year contract, which was signed on June 4, 2002. 2002 did not count toward the five-year period. The City will likely pursue an extension.

KEY ELEMENTS:

The backcountry portion of the agreement provides for two rangers to patrol the City's watershed during the period May 25 through August 31 for a cost of \$15,000. The contracted services at Silver Lake are for an Interpretive Specialist at the Silver Lake Conservation Education Center in Big Cottonwood Canyon who will conduct classes and workshops for the general public and for scheduled groups from May 25, 2007 through September 15, 2007. Interpretive programs will contain watershed protection and conservation messages. The Specialist will also enforce watershed regulations in the Silver Lake area. The cost to the City for this portion of the agreement is \$7,500. These funds will be used to run the Center on weekends in September and to hold classes for school field trips during the weekdays.

This year, a front-country ranger is added to the patrol at a cost of \$11,388 and a portion of the related vehicle of \$1,280. The contract with the sheriff's office has been reduced slightly to afford this addition. The ranger will monitor the heavily used areas and can issue tickets as necessary.

The funding, in the amount of \$35,168, is appropriated within the Public Utilities Department. Funds come from water fees; not from the General Fund. This is an increase of \$12,868 from the \$22,300 funded last year. The majority of the increase is due to the front-country ranger, and \$200 is due to a salary increase for the Interpretive Specialist, due to longevity of the employee.

A Council resolution is required for this interlocal agreement because it meets one of the seven criteria (agreement with an out-of-state agency).

CC: Lyn Creswell, Sam Guevara, LeRoy Hooton, Florence Reynolds

LERoy W. HOOTON, JR.
DIRECTOR

SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
WATER SUPPLY AND WATERWORKS
WATER RECLAMATION AND STORMWATER

ROSS C. "ROCKY" ANDERSON
MAYOR

COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL

To: Lyn Creswell, Chief Administrative Officer

April 5, 2007

RE: 2007 Financial Plan for the Collection Agreement between the USDA Forest Service, Wasatch-Cache National Forest and Salt Lake City Corporation.

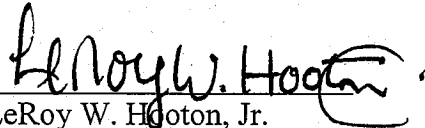
Recommendation: That the Council approve the attached financial plan and forward to the Mayor for execution in behalf of the City.

Availability of Funds: 2006/2007 Budget.

Discussion: In 2002, the City signed a 5-year Collection Agreement with USDA Forest Service, Wasatch-Cache National Forest for the protection and education on National Forest System lands within the Salt Lake City culinary watershed during the summer, 2007. The plan includes funding for four Watershed Rangers; two will patrol the backcountry, one will patrol the front country, and one will serve as a Watershed Interpretive Specialist at Silver Lake Information Center. This agreement requires approval of a yearly financial plan based on available budget. The City will contribute to the Forest Service \$35,168 for the year 2007.

Contact Person: Jeff Niermeyer at 483-6785.

Submitted By:


LeRoy W. Hooton, Jr.
Director

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MAYOR

April 5, 2007

Mayor Ross C. Anderson
451 South State, Room 306
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

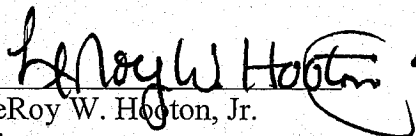
Dear Mayor Anderson:

Please find attached a 2007 Financial Plan for the Collection Agreement between the USDA Forest Service, Wasatch-Cache National Forest and Salt Lake City Corporation.

The City will contribute \$35,168 for watershed protection and education on National Forest lands within the City watershed during the 2007 summer season. It includes enforcement in backcountry areas and watershed education and protection in the Silver Lake area.

I recommend the agreement be approved by you and the City Recorder on behalf of Salt Lake City Corporation and that all four (4) copies of the agreement be returned to this office for further processing.

Very truly yours,


LeRoy W. Hooton, Jr.
Director

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RESOLUTION _____ OF 2007
AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE 2007 FINANCIAL PLAN FOR
THE COLLECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALT LAKE CITY
CORPORATION AND THE USDA FOREST SERVICE,
WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST

WHEREAS, Title 11, Chapter 13, U.C.A., 1953, as amended, allows public entities to enter into cooperative agreements to provide joint undertakings and services; and

WHEREAS, the attached agreement has been prepared to accomplish said purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

1. It does hereby approved the form and substance of the attached agreement as follows:

Protection of City Watersheds in the backcountry portion of National Forest Lands in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, education and protection in the Silver Lake area and operations at Silver Lake Information Center.

2. Ross C. Anderson, Mayor of Salt Lake City, Utah, is hereby authorized to approve said agreement on behalf of Salt Lake City Corporation, subject to any minor changes which do not materially affect the rights and obligations of the City thereunder.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, this _____ day of _____, 2007.

SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL

BY _____
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Salt Lake City Attorney's Office
Date 4/18/07
By ERV

Modification #3 in Forest Service I-Web Database

**YEAR 2007 FINANCIAL PLAN
Watershed Protection & Education**

For Year 2007, Salt Lake City Corporation shall contribute to the Forest Service **\$35,168** for watershed protection and education on National Forest System lands within the Salt Lake City culinary watershed boundary. The Forest Service has an existing 5-year Collection Agreement with Salt Lake City for this program. The agreement requires approval of a yearly Financial Plan. This season's Financial Plan provides funding for 4 Watershed Rangers; 2 will patrol the backcountry, 1 will patrol the frontcountry and 1 will serve as a watershed interpretive specialist at Silver Lake Information Center. Exact start dates may vary slightly depending upon snow levels at the beginning of summer season.

WATERSHED RANGER PROGRAM 2007		SALT LAKE CITY		FOREST SERVICE	
Item	Approximate Dates	Financed Days	Cost	Financed Days	Cost
GS-4 Interpretive Specialist (Silver Lake)	May 25 – Sept. 4	68	\$7,500	-	-
GS-9 Backcountry Ranger	May 25 – Aug. 31	30	\$7,646	30	\$7,646
GS-5 Backcountry Ranger	May 25 – Aug. 31	64	\$7,354	-	-
GS-5 Frontcountry Ranger	May 13 – Sept. 15	91	\$11,388	-	-
Subtotal, Salaries			\$33,888		\$7,646
Vehicle for Frontcountry Ranger			\$1,280	-	-
TOTAL, Salaries & Vehicle			\$35,168		\$7,646

Overhead will not be assessed on either Salt Lake City Corporation or Forest Service funds per direction in Forest Service Handbook 1909.13, Chapter 40. The Forest Service receives funds from Salt Lake City Corporation for purposes consistent with agency mission and annual appropriations. There is mutual benefit between the parties.

This Financial Plan and the personnel costs shown are estimates based on the best information available at this time. Actual staffing decisions will be made when the Wasatch-Cache National Forest's fiscal year 2007 budget is finalized. The Forest Service is committed to performing the identified work within the budget shown in this Financial Plan, regardless of the individuals ultimately serving in these positions or their pay level.

ROSS C. ANDERSON
Mayor
Salt Lake City

Date

FAYE KRUEGER
Forest Supervisor
Wasatch-Cache National Forest

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Salt Lake City Attorney's Office

4/18/07

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THE AUTHORITY AND FORMAT OF THIS INSTRUMENT
HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SIGNATURE

AGREEMENTS COORDINATOR

DATE 4/4/2007