

The Place

Bonanza Flat Community Preserve is approximately 1,350 acres of undeveloped backcountry majesty nestled in the upper elevations of the Wasatch Mountains among alpine meadows and lakes. It lies beyond Deer Valley Resort, just over Guardsman Pass from Brighton Resort, and above Midway's Wasatch State Park. Though the land was privately held, it is an area that Wasatch Front and Wasatch Back residents have enjoyed for years. This recreational paradise, known for its wildlife, scenic and ecological values, seemed destined for development until, in 2016, the possibility of purchasing the land for preservation became real.

How the Preservation Effort Began

On November 8, 2016, Park City residents overwhelmingly voted to tax themselves up to \$25 million in hopes that Bonanza Flats could be purchased and preserved as open space. With a \$38 million price tag, the future of the largest Wasatch recreational backcountry was in a precarious state and the \$13 million gap between the purchase price and the bond amount was one of significance. Park City Municipal along with local recreational, environmental, and conservation non-profits, the community, and various local governmental jurisdictions came together to raise, dollar by dollar, the money to close the deal. On June 16, 2017, Park City and Utah Open Lands along with their partners, announced that the total purchase price fundraising goal was achieved.

Bonanza Flat Saved. Now Stewardship Begins.

Bonanza Flat is forever protected from development and it could not have been accomplished without you. Now begins the task of careful stewardship and analysis of the critical conservation values connected to the land to ensure its protection forever.

Utah Open Lands is honored to take on the role of protecting this land and our biggest task will be finding ways to ensure we all are positive stewards of the many conservation values that exist on Bonanza Flat.