



Public meeting.

Year End Review / Vision for the Future of Wasatch Climbing / Q & A

Speakers: Julia Geisler, Bill Ayers, Andrea Ramos Campos, Jesse Williams, Jess Powell, Lindsay Anderson, Kim Rhodes, Rick Vance, SLCA Board of Directors

[Webinar](#)

January 13th, 2022

7 - 8:30 PM

For Tonight.

Welcome & Thank YOU - **Julia Geisler**

Finances - **Bill Ayers**

Save Little Cottonwood Climbing Campaign - **Kim Rhodes**

Justice, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion - **Andrea Ramos Campos**

Fixed Anchor Maintenance - **Jesse Williams**

Salt Lake Climbing Fest - **Jess Powell**

Jacob's Ladder Trail Realignment - **Lindsay Anderson**

2022 Initiatives & Events - **Rick Vance**

Community Q & A - 8 - 8:30 PM **Board of Directors**

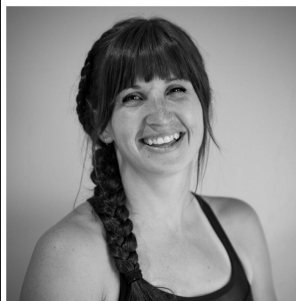


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Board of Directors

About Us.

The Salt Lake Climbers Alliance serves as the unified voice of all climbers in the greater Wasatch region, engaging as an advocate **to protect outdoor climbing access** and as a steward **to maintain sustainable climbing resources.**



About Us.



SARAH ELLIS (SHE/HER)
2022 SACT LAKE CLIMBING FESTIVAL EVENT COORDINATOR

STAFF &
more!



JULIA GEISLER (SHE/HER) *(about pronouns)*
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



BREE ROBLES (SHE/HER)
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



JESSE WILLIAMS (HE/HIM)
FIXED ANCHOR FIELD COORDINATOR



MICHAEL MASON (HE/HIM)
GIS Specialist



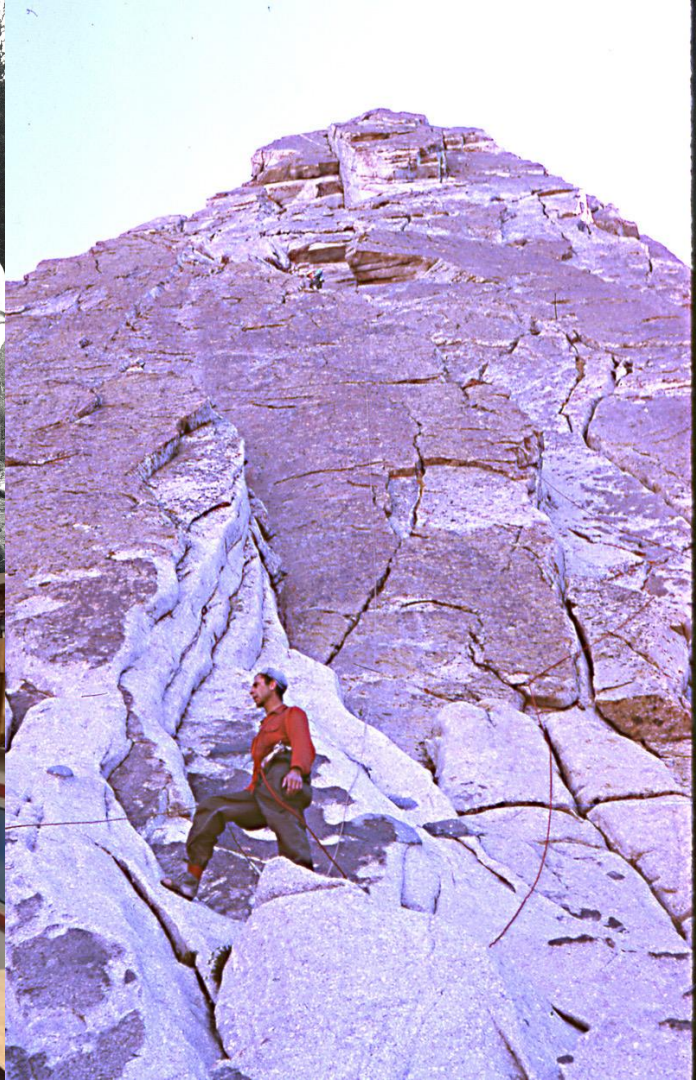
LINDSAY ANDERSON (SHE/HER)
TRAIL ACCESS FIELD TECHNICIAN



TALLIE CASUCCI (SHE/HER)
SLCA LIBRARIAN



Jesse Williams, Eric Salmi, Alex Lemieux, Mike Kaserman



A person is climbing a large, grey rock in a forest. The person is wearing a white tank top and colorful patterned pants. The background is filled with green trees and sunlight filtering through the leaves. The overall scene is outdoors and natural.

THANK YOU.

Thank you to our dedicated outdoor industry sponsors, volunteers, staff, and donors who further the Salt Lake Climbers Alliance mission to protect Wasatch climbing.



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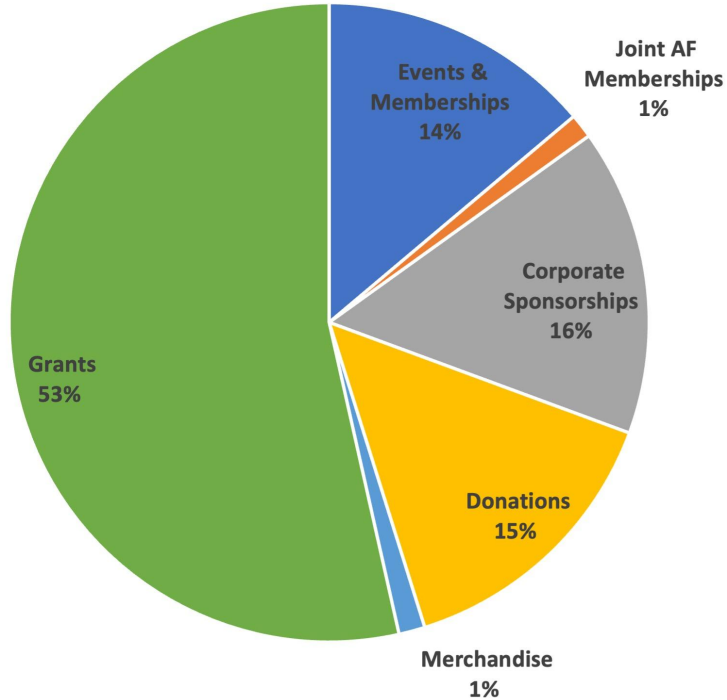
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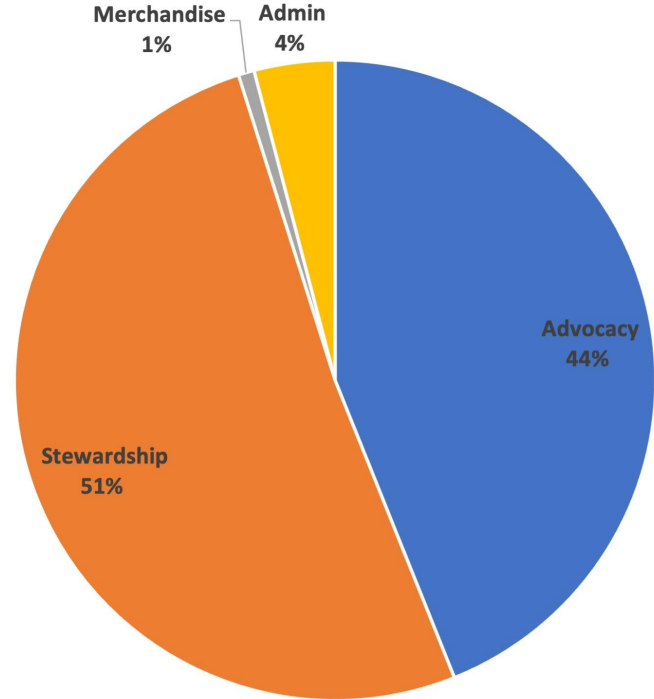
Finances. FY21

2021 Support



Support = \$346,463

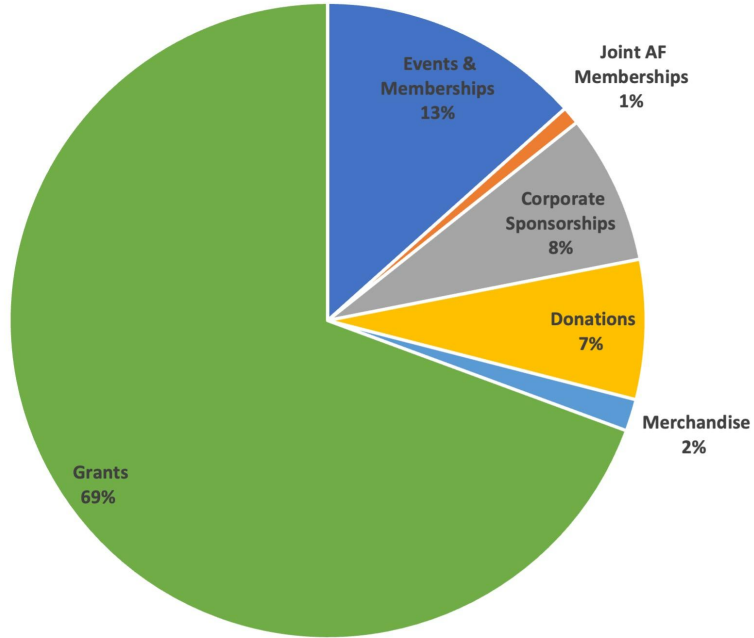
2021 Expenditures



Expenditures = \$300,547

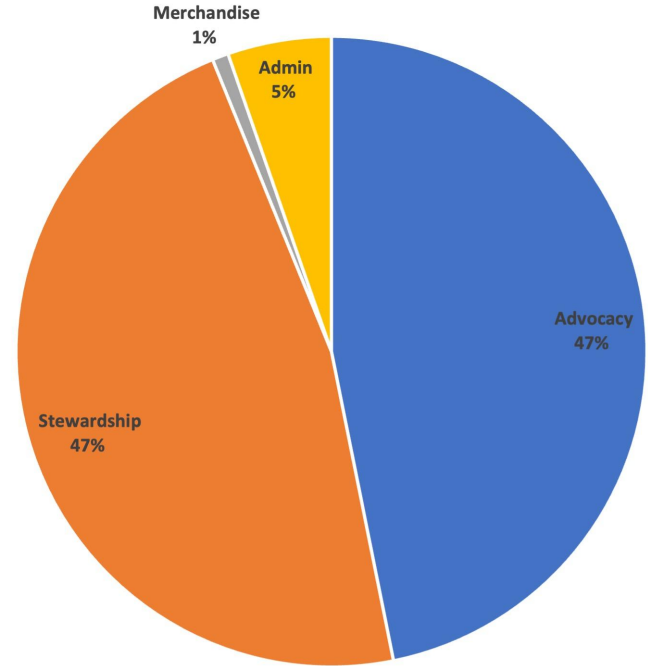
Finances. FY22

2022 Support Budget



Support = \$493,000

2022 Expenditures Budget



Expenditures = \$601,890

Save LCC Climbing.

What UDOT's Transportation Proposals Mean For Little Cottonwood Canyon Climbing



**World
class
climbing.**

A year-round recreational resource that is free to the public.



The Alpenbock Loop.

The nation's largest climbing access trail project, a one-mile hiking and climbing access trail that starts at the lower LCC Park & Ride and connects to the Grit Mill parking lot.

SLCA infrared trail counter data showed **30,000 trail uses** of the Alpenbock Loop in 2021.



Climbers Partner with LDS Church on Stewardship of Little Cottonwood Canyon Climbing

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The Gate Buttress.

The Salt Lake Climbers Alliance leases 140-acres of Church property in lower LCC that allows for stewardship of the climbing resource and free access to the public.

SLCA infrared trail counter data shows **42,000 trail uses** at the Gate Buttress in 2021.



UDOT transportation proposals.

Two main transportation proposals to address winter traffic congestion in Little Cottonwood Canyon:

One would construct the world's longest gondola to carry riders to the top of the canyon.

The other would widen the canyon road by adding two bus-only shoulder lanes.



Either proposal would only service ski resorts at the top of the canyon and would not stop at any climbing areas, trailheads, or other dispersed recreation sites.



Our assessment.

UDOT's proposals would...

- Destroy or impact world-class climbing resources (no less than 40 boulders)
- Impact LCC's natural character
- Have cumulative impacts to the Wasatch Front watershed
- Serve only ski resort users on the busiest winter days (an estimated 25 days/year)
- Be fiscally irresponsible, at \$500 million in construction costs

The proposals have **unacceptable impacts** fail to solve the LCC transportation problem.



The bouldering and climbing in Little Cottonwood Canyon forge the character of our local climbing community.



Nathaniel Coleman, Salt Lake City native and Silver Medal Olympian, training on a Little Cottonwood Canyon boulder.



Ted Wilson,
Former Salt Lake City Mayor and Alpenbock member

Our solution.

SLCA advocates for a low impact, fiscally responsible transportation solution that serves all canyon users year-round.

Increased electric buses and micro transit shuttles without roadway widening coupled with **tolling and other traffic mitigation strategies.**





You can make a difference.

Contact your Senator, Representative, & the Governor's office

- Letter, email, website comment
- Phone call or text
- Request a meeting
- Share on your social media
- Write op eds to your local paper

Why is LCC Climbing Important to you?

How would a gondola or additional lanes impact your climbing experience in LCC?



LCC Advocacy Kit.

Less impactful solutions exist. The SLCA is advocating for a low impact, fiscally responsible transportation solution that serves all canyon users year round.

Contact your Utah legislators today. Let them know that you do not support UDOT's proposed alternatives, as their impacts to canyon recreation and the natural environment are unacceptable.

<https://www.saltlakeclimbers.org/advocacy-toolkit>

Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion.

Committee Mission.

In recognition of the Native lands we climb on and in service of climbers who experience marginalization in the Wasatch region, the SLCA JEDI Committee works to expand access, amplify voices, and foster connections towards a more just, equitable, diverse, and inclusive climbing community.



Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion.



In 2021, the JEDI Committee...

- Made space for 15 free tickets to the climbing fest for those in financial need which included gear!
- Made accessible ticket options (donation/pay what you can) for our recent film event
- Reviewed our bylaws and policies to determine areas that could use more inclusivity
- Assisted with new framework for committee applications
- Took part in process of selecting a new policy committee member
- Assisted in sharing applications for SLCA positions with groups of underrepresented communities
- Created blog post on how UDOT proposals perpetuate marginalization in the Wasatch
- Reviewed climb fest survey with a JEDI lens
- Determined need for internal JEDI auditor and came up with request for proposal
- Led search for an independent audit company and choose one based on our unique needs

Fixed Anchor Maintenance.



Employed a professional anchor maintenance crew and field coordinator focused on workers safety and quality work

- Established work at height practices to ensure our technicians' safety
- Best practices for route establishment and maintenance
- Replaced almost 1,000 anchors - see the full list [here](#)
- Inspected & maintained another 400+ anchors
- Documented all work and generated cost analysis for each project
- Acquired land manager approvals and continued policy advocacy for future work to address fixed anchor maintenance in Wilderness
- Shared our program with the community at large - presented our program for an [Access Fund webinar](#) and worked with local climbing organizations across the nation to share best practices and work at height standards for anchor maintenance

Fixed Anchor Maintenance.



Whole-crag ***anchor replacement projects*** at the these popular sport climbing areas and replaced ~1,000 anchors:

- Minimum Crag, Zen Garden and Pipeline in Maple Canyon
- Dry Wall in Echo Canyon
- Bingo Baby Buttress in American Fork Canyon

Completed ***anchor maintenance, hardware upgrades and selective replacement projects*** at these popular areas on 400+ anchors:

- Gate Buttress and Hellgate Towers in Little Cottonwood Canyon
- Challenge Buttress, Narcolepsy Crag, Salt Lake Slips, Dogwood Crag & Ambush Wall in Big Cottonwood Canyon
- Ruth Lake, Stone Garden and Cliff Lake in the Uinta mountains
- Provided support for SLC SAR operations in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons

Salt Lake Climbing Fest.



**CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY. ELEVATE
YOUR CLIMBING SKILLS.**

A weekend of skills based climbing clinics
and festivities brought to you by the **SLCA**
and fueled by our local guide outfitters,
artists, and outdoor industry partners.

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO
BACK TO STEWARDSHIP OF WASATCH
CRAGS.**

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**A sold out 8th Annual Salt Lake Climbing
Festival – 500+ climbers!**

**Stay tuned for our 2022 fest August
27th-28th**

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Jacob's Ladder Trail Realignment to Lone Peak Cirque.



ABOUT: The trail's destination is the summit of Lone Peak (11,260 feet) and it gains 5,600 feet of elevation over six miles from the Peak View TrailHead. The worst part of this approach is this middle section, where 1.3 miles of a section known as (upper) Jacobs Ladder gains 2,200 feet, with an average grade of 32%+.

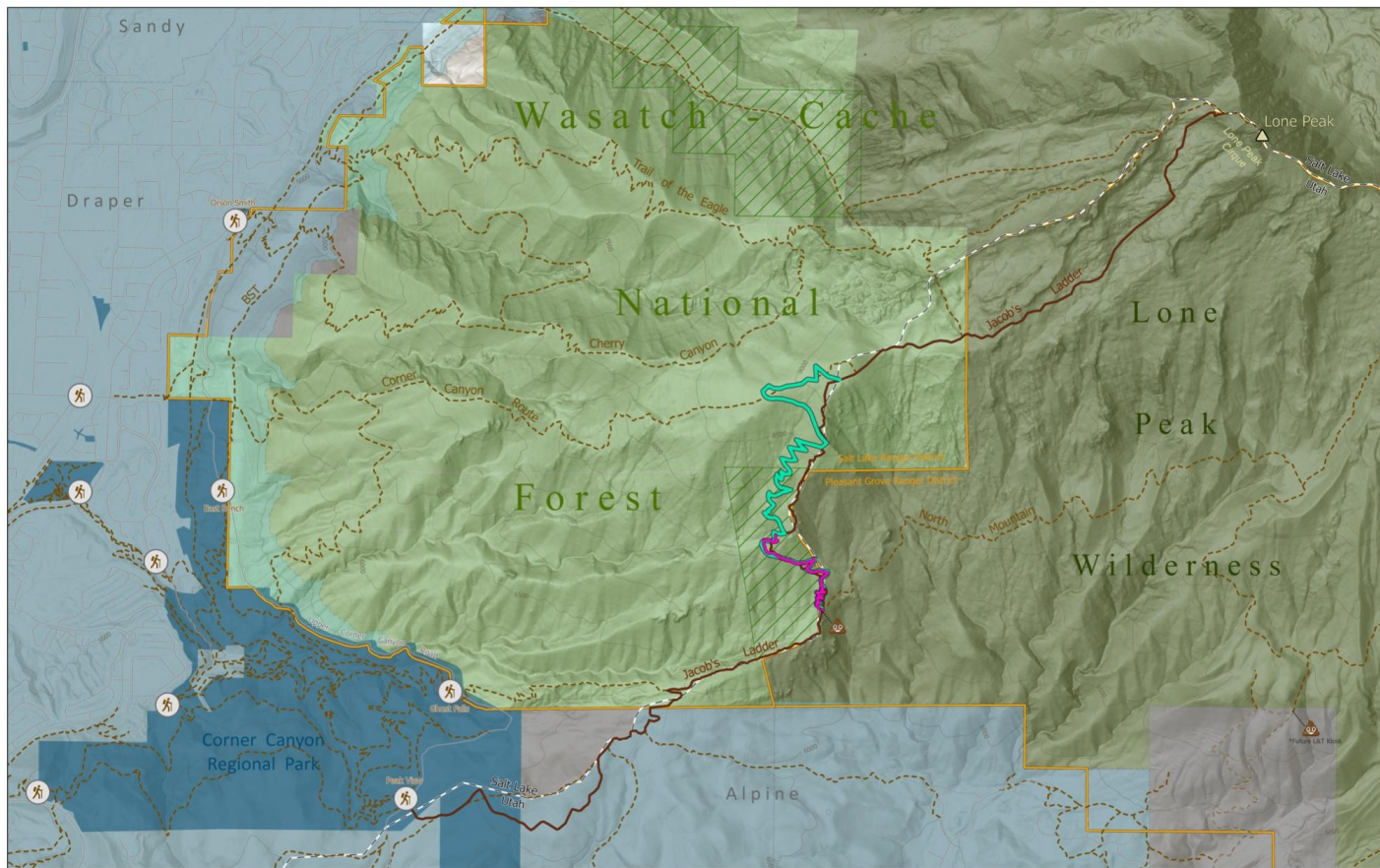
The new segment will switch back across the slope rather than climbing directly up it, allowing for frequent drainage opportunities and thus decreased erosion. The new trail will average a 16% grade rather than 32%+ grade. It will also include closure of the old trail once complete.

Jacob's Ladder Trail Realignment to Lone Peak Cirque.



Over 4,000 feet of trail, or almost a half mile, was rerouted on the upper Jacob's Ladder approach to Lone Peak Cirque in 2021 by our professional trail contractor, Single Track Trails, and with the support of the Salt Lake Ranger District.




Total time spent on the project between employees and volunteers was over 1,000 hours with 95 hours of support from our partners at the Access Fund Conservation Team and 75 hours of volunteerism.

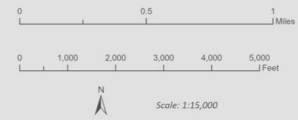


Data Sources: Utah AGRC, US Forest Service, ESRI Living Atlas, Natural Earth

Jacob's Ladder Trail Realignment

Legend

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|  | 2021 Completed Work |  | Trailheads |  | USFS Roadless Inventory |  | Private Land |
|  | Preferred Alignment |  | Wilderness Area |  | Municipality |  | Road |
|  | Jacob's Ladder Trail (existing) |  | National Forest |  | Park / Open Space |  | Human Waste Bags and L&T Kiosk |
|  | Other Trail |  | Ranger District |  | County Boundary | | |



Jacob's Ladder Trail Realignment to Lone Peak Cirque.

Stay tuned for this work to resume in the spring of 2022 with Adopt a Crag opportunities as we continue the 2.5 miles remaining of this reroute.



2022 Events.

Stay tuned for 2022 Events



- SLCA's 20th Year Protecting Wasatch Climbing Celebration - June 2nd - Black Diamond
- Spring Adopt a Crags - Jacob's Ladder
- 9th Annual Salt Lake Climbing Festival - August 27-28th
- And so much more!

SLCA VISION.

The vision is that **Wasatch climbers will have access to well-managed and sustainable climbing areas.**

JOIN US and **add YOUR VOICE** to **protect and advocate** for the **places you love to climb.** Learn more at SaltLakeClimbers.org.

Joint Membership with the **Access Fund** – Thank you Jenna!





THANK YOU.

Community Q & A.



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