Subject: Senate Concurrent Resolution 10-SCR10
Comments by Barbara Cameron
Chair of Big Cottonwood Community Council

We of the Big Cottonwood Community Council are on record as unanimously opposed to a new federal designation in the Wasatch. This vote was taken on April 11, 2016...almost 3 years ago, and we have been earnestly seeking answers why we should change our vote. There are NONE.

Reason for our decision:

- The US Forest Service notes that federal designations do not bring money to the area. This is a revenue neutral proposal according to our Forest Supervisor, David Whittekeind,

- He also notes that federal designations always bring thousands more visitors forever. How can we afford more visitors? We already don’t have adequate transportation, restroom or trail maintenance for the 5 Million visitors. These canyons are overwhelmed.

Now is NOT the time for a federal designation in the Wasatch. Now IS the time to wisely put the brakes on this Resolution. It’s your chance to prevent a spike in visitor numbers until our infrastructure can catch up. A NO vote today will be a mountain of help for our struggling canyons.

Thank you for your consideration,

Barbara Cameron
President, Big Cottonwood Community Council