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BLOWN AWAY

Ant Green goes off the beaten track in Iceland

ROCKIES TRAVEL NOTES



NEED TO KNOW

BASICS

Language: English

Money: US dollar

Time: -6hrs GMT

Emergency number: 911

Closest int'l airport: Salt Lake City, Utah

DAILY BUDGET

Camping at the Point, or five-star in Salt Lake City. Take your pick.

THE SCENE

Very well organised at Point of the Mountain with parking, two launches and set-up zones. Perfect for hang gliders.

WHEN TO GO

Spring, summer, autumn. Flyable all year.

GETTING AROUND

It's the States – you will need a hire car.

AIRSPACE AND ACCESS

Flying on both sides of Point of the Mountain is controlled by two different flight parks. You are very welcome but you must be a member of the USHPA and sign a waiver. Information boards on launch explain everything.

CONDITIONS AND WEATHER

In the morning the wind comes from the south, in the afternoon it blows from the north. Thermal activity during the day allows pilots to "bench up" to the higher hills.

CONTACTS

Point of the Mountain

www.uthp.org

www.googl/a/Gjbrb



THE WILD WILD WEST

Watch the trip movies: www.googl/KsXhEF

Read: www.xrockies.com

HIGHLIGHTS



1. Fly Utah

Traversing a continent might not be up everyone's street, but if you want to get an accessible-to-all taste of the Rockies, then you could do worse than head to Utah and the famous Point of the Mountain.

2. Stay local

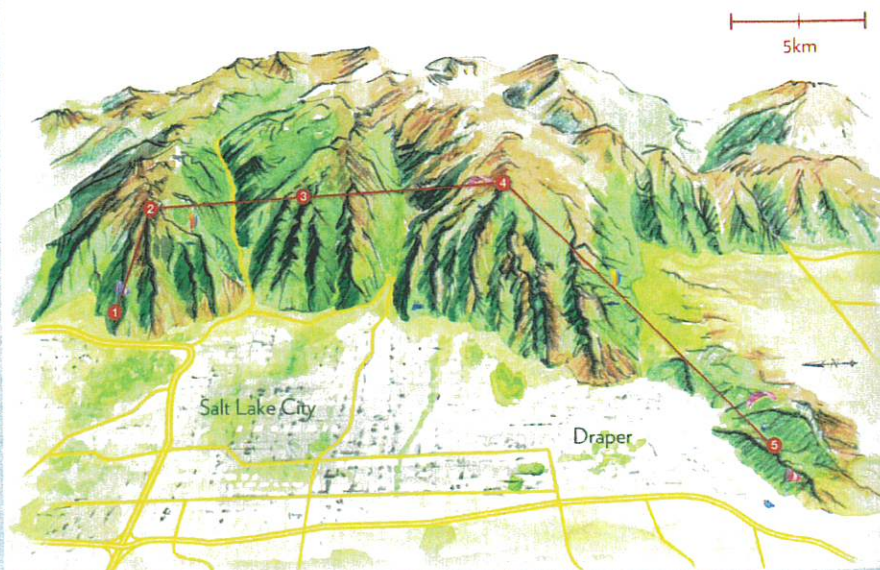
Point of the Mountain is the centre of one of the most vibrant free flight scenes in the US. It's also the centre of a campaign to save the site from mining. Visiting helps support the cause.

3. Go XC

To sample flying XC in the Rockies fly the 25km classic route from Mt Olympus to Point of the Mountain, below, and then back. Or go further: "Once up you'll see the line," grin locals.

4. Fly Castleton Tower, above

For a taste of the badlands get in the pickup and head south towards Moab and the Colorado border where you'll find Castleton Tower. No flying in the Canyonlands National Park.



Utah Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association

Carl,

June 8, 2015

Thanks to you, Brent, Jim, and the rest of your team for getting together with us earlier this year.

We know all of you are busy and we very much appreciate the time out of your schedule to help discuss and find an amicable decision for Steep Mountain that can benefit all parties involved.

It is very important to our group to create an atmosphere of good communication and transparency between our parties. This will help minimize any ill will from the flying community and vice-versa hopefully.

The map that Brent Sumsion developed looks good and does a great job of satisfying many of the objectives we presented at the meeting. We still need to finalize the boundaries as discussed but it is safe to say that if the final deal was similar to the map presented then the flying community would be very pleased.

Just to reiterate our objectives with Steep Mountain which is to maintain the land and flyability:

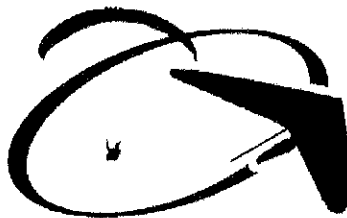
- Find a long term or permanent solution;
 - a. Conservation Easement seems the best solution right now.
- Create driving access to the top of the ridge if possible for safety and other purposes;
- Maintain the ridge integrity in a way that minimizes erosion or similar issues; and
- Create a safe area along the ridge that is not as risk of closure from EPA, OSHA, or similar.
 - a. This stems from the concern that if a mining line is near the ridge then people may not be allowed to occupy or launch from the ridge.

We have enjoyed working with you and are looking forward to continuing our relationship.

If you ever have any questions, comments, or want to get in touch with us, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Warm Regards,

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August 13, 2015

Via e-mail and U.S. Mail

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RE: Geneva Rock Products, Inc. - Preliminary Draft of Proposed Conservation Easement in Favor of Utah Open Lands

Dear Mr. Dobbins:

As you know, Geneva Rock Products, Inc. ("**Geneva Rock**") has proposed the creation of a Conservation Easement (the "**Proposed Easement**") in favor of Utah Open Lands under the Utah Land Conservation Easement Act (the "**Act**") to preserve the natural, scenic and open space values of approximately 46.22 acres of the land owned by Geneva Rock and located at the Point of the Mountain ("**Easement Parcel**") and to preserve the recreational value of the Easement Parcel. A copy of a proposed and preliminary draft of the Conservation Easement instrument ("**Easement Grant**"), pursuant to which Geneva Rock anticipates creating the Proposed Easement, is enclosed for your information and review. Please understand that the attached Easement Grant has not been submitted to Utah Open Lands for its comment and approval nor has it been finalized and submitted to the board of directors of Geneva Rock for its approval of the creation of the Proposed Easement. We are hopeful that both of these matters to be accomplished in the next week or two. When these matters have been accomplished and a final version of the Easement Grant has been executed and recorded as required by the Act, a copy of the final and recorded Easement Grant will be provided to you.

The following is a brief summary of the most significant terms of the Proposed Easement that Geneva Rock is presently considering for inclusion in the Easement Grant.

- A. The Proposed Easement (when finalized) will be a perpetual easement (the "**Easement**") to preserve the natural, scenic and open space values of the Easement Parcel and, to the extent determined consistent with those values and the operations upon and uses of the other properties of Geneva Rock situated in the vicinity of the Easement Parcel ("**Geneva Rock's Other Properties**"), to preserve the recreational value of the Easement Parcel.
- B. Utah Open Lands will be granted the right to enforce the terms of the Easement granted to it under the final Easement Grant.
- C. The Easement Grant and the Easement will be subject to a condition subsequent and a right of termination in favor of Geneva Rock, which will provide that if a certain parcel real property of



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Geneva Rock, being approximately 126-acres, which is situated south of the Easement Parcel has not been rezoned by Draper City to the M-2 zone on or before November 30, 2015, Geneva Rock will have the right in its discretion to terminate the Easement Grant and the Easement by recordation of a Notice of Revocation and Termination of Easement in the official records of the County Recorder for Salt Lake County, State of Utah.

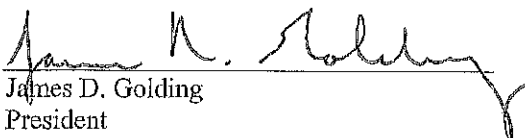
- D. The Easement will grant no right of access by the general public to any portion of the Property or to Grantor's Adjacent Property is conveyed by this Easement. The Easement will not affect or in any way limit Grantor from exercising any and all lawful activities upon Geneva Rock's Other Properties, including the excavation, processing, stockpiling, sale and transportation of sand, gravel, rock, soil and other aggregates or minerals upon or from any or all of Geneva Rock's Other Properties.
- E. Geneva Rock shall have limited rights to enter upon and use the Easement Parcel for stated purposes consistent with the Easement.
- F. Utah Open Lands will have the right, but not the obligation, to permit the use of the Easement Parcel for recreational purposes, as such term is defined in Utah Code Section 57-14-101, provided that such uses do not interfere with the uses of Geneva Rock's Other Properties.

The foregoing brief summary does not contain all relevant provisions of the Proposed Easement and some of the provisions in the summary may be modified or eliminated in the process of coming to terms with Utah Open Lands on the provisions in the Easement. The Easement, and not this summary, will be the governing and final instrument and obligation affecting the Easement Parcel.

We will welcome the input and comments of your office as Geneva Rock considers the terms and provisions of the Proposed Easement.

Very truly yours,

GENEVA ROCK PRODUCTS, INC.

By 
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EXHIBIT B

GENEVA ROCK
 Point of the Mountain Facility



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To Whom It May Concern:

8/1/2018

My name is Martin Palmaz, and I am the current Executive Director of The United States Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association (USHPA). USHPA is recognized throughout the world as the governing body for hang gliding and paragliding in the United States.

USHPA strongly endorses the Utah Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association's ongoing efforts to secure a conservation easement covering Steep Mountain from Clyde Companies (Geneva) in Draper, Utah. Such an easement will secure and protect the future of the entire front & back sides of the Point of the Mountain's "North Side" free flight area. These legal instruments protect and preserve free flight for the foreseeable future.

USHPA feels that a conservation easement provides strong legal protection and preservation for the world famous free-flight terrain at the Point of the Mountain. As well, it serves to slow down the potential alternate development pressures on the site. On this basis, we are eager to support the current easement development efforts.

We encourage all groups to have written timelines, scopes of work, and expectations. Written documents allow clear communication and expectations for all parties involved.

While sensitive to the political pressures generated by Geneva's ongoing operations, we believe that UHGPGA should use its opportunity to work in partnership with Geneva Rock, the Draper City Council and the Salt Lake County Mayor & County Parks. By developing strong relationships with all of the interested parties, we hope that UHGPGA can reach an agreement acceptable to a majority, which preserves flying at the site for the long term. We see this as a window of opportunity that should be supported while such an agreement is attainable. Moving forward on negotiations with Geneva Rock seems the best path to achieving an agreement to preserve free flight use at this important, nationally renowned flying site.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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