
M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: May 31, 2002
TO: Council Members
FROM: Gary Mumford
RE: **Proposed Agreement with Forest Service for Protection of Watershed**

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.

The backcountry portion of the agreement provides for two employees to patrol the backcountry during the period June 2 through September 8 for a cost of \$15,000. The patrol and enforcement of watershed regulations primarily focus on Red Pine, Lake Blanche, Dog Lake, Desolation Lake and Lake Mary. A second priority is patrol of White Pine, Twin Lakes, Lake Catherine, Lake Martha, Butler Fork and Cecret Lake areas.

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 approximately May 25, 2002 through September 8, 2002. 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 \$7,800.

Under state law, interlocal agreements between public entities require authorization by the respective governing bodies. Funding is already appropriated within the Public Utilities Department. (Funds come from water fees; not from the General Fund.)

cc: Cindy Gust-Jenson, Rocky Fluhart, David Nimkin, LeRoy Hooton, Russ Hone, DJ Baxter