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## **SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** May 9, 2003

**SUBJECT:** **Funding Second Year of Agreement with Forest Service  
for Protection of Watershed**

**AFFECTED COUNCIL DISTRICTS:** Citywide

**STAFF REPORT BY:** Gary Mumford

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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. On June 4, 2002, the City signed a 5-year contract to continue this effort. The Forest Service requires a separate funding agreement each year to authorize the Forest Service to collect the City's payments.

### **KEY ELEMENTS:**

The backcountry portion of the agreement provides for two employees to patrol the backcountry during the period June 1 through September 1 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. (Some maps show Cecret Lake as "Secret Lake.")

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 May 18, 2003 through September 6, 2003. 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 \$7,300.

Total funding of \$22,300 is appropriated within the Public Utilities Department. Funds come from water fees; not from the General Fund.

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