
SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 2, 2004

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

AFFECTED COUNCIL DISTRICTS: Citywide

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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 rangers to patrol the City's watershed during the period May 28 through September 6 for a cost of \$15,000. 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 28, 2004 through September 6, 2004. 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.

A Council resolution is required for this interlocal agreement because it meets one of the seven criteria (agreement with an out-of-state agency). Under amendments made by the 2003 Legislation to the Interlocal Cooperative Act, City Council action is not required except when the interlocal agreement includes any of the following:

- Acquires or transfers real property
- Construction of a facility or improvements to real property
- Bonding
- Sharing taxes or other revenue
- Agreements that includes an out-of-state public agency
- Agreements that require budget adjustments to the City's current or future budgets
- Creation of an interlocal agency

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