

# Rainer Huck

Candidate for Salt Lake City Mayor



**1. Introduce yourself to our members. Describe your relationship to the Central Wasatch Mountains. What's your favorite place to visit? What are your favorite activities? What do you find compelling about the Central Wasatch Mountains?**

I'm Rainer Huck. Because I'm physically unable to hike trails, I'm limited to the few paved roads and Mineral Fork Canyon.

**2. In your mind, what are the most important issues facing the Central Wasatch Mountains today?**

Lack of access for physically challenged people

**3. Transportation. What are your thoughts about UDOT's plans for reducing traffic congestion in Little Cottonwood Canyon? How much do you think this plan should try to reduce congestion by increasing the number of cars that the highway and**

**parking areas can handle versus some form of public transit that reduces reliance on cars?**

Public transit is inefficient. I predict that the coming of the driverless electric cars will solve many transportation issues

**4. Public Lands. What are your thoughts with regard to the current Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area (CWNCRA) proposal and efforts to enact federal legislation to protect the Central Wasatch Mountains?**

I don't know what you mean by "protect". Usually this means reducing access to populations deemed politically incorrect. We need to expand access to all segments of our society.

**5. Recreation. Are you concerned that very high recreational usage is harming the environment(s) or degrading the experience of being in the canyons? What zoning, ordinance or policy decisions would you support to maintain a balance of recreational use and habitat health and water quality in the Central Wasatch Canyons?**

I don't know how recreational use can harm the environment as the environment is not sentient. Whose experience will be degraded by presence of more people? Seems a little elitist to me.

**6. Water policy. Utah cities have been granted authority to protect sources of drinking water under a provision called "extraterritorial jurisdiction." In recent years this authority has come under attack by legislators, developers, and speculators seeking to diminish Salt Lake City's ability to protect water quality. If elected, how will you insure citizens continue to have access to high quality**

**drinking water while balancing other uses in our watersheds?**

We need to build more scenic paved roads like the alpine loop.

Any arguments with respect to water quality are moot as long as we continue to add the poison Fluoride (smoke stack swill) to our water. I'm sure many of your members know that fluorine is the most reactive element on the periodic table and as such has no place in our drinking water.

**9. Is there anything else people should understand about your vision, plans, ideas, or policies for the Central Wasatch Mountains?**

The canyons and the trails should be available to anyone, regardless of disability.

**7. Local Ordinance(s). What types of ordinances should be put in place (or revisited) to protect the environment, water quality, access, and integrity of the Central Wasatch Mountains?**

We certainly need to expand access for the handicapped and disabled, and anyone else suffering from a mobility disability.

**8. Land Use Planning. The canyons are already very heavily used and, as you probably know, the population of the Wasatch Front is expected to double within several decades. What would you like the canyons to be like in fifty or sixty years, and what, if anything, do you think our government needs to do to make sure it will be that way?**

We need to interconnect our ski areas to minimize the driving around the mountains.

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