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Summer Internship Reflection—By Annalise Bianca

Spending the summer here at Alta has been an unforgettable experience. As a student coming from Pennsylvania, I was ecstatic to explore a new place filled with such unique life and beauty. Shortly after arriving, I quickly fell in love with Little Cottonwood Canyon. I have noticed many others feel this way about Alta too and it has been such a special time sharing this connection with the community who also cherishes the area. As a person who spends most of their free time outdoors, it's intrinsically rewarding to give back to these areas that have provided me with a playground throughout my entire life.

This internship experience also aligned perfectly with my classroom studies. I

had the opportunity to explore a broader range of areas in the environmental field which helped me narrow my academic focus as I go into my senior year. Between vegetation surveys, working with Alta's partners to hold stewardship events, and learning about the sensitive ecosystem of the Wasatch, there is no other way I'd rather spend my summer here. This experience has led me to be even more passionate about my field of study and eager to continue learning more.

Working for Alta has been inspiring. Seeing sustainability goals being present as well as people dedicating their time and interest in involving themselves gives me so much hope for the future of other businesses to follow in Alta's footsteps. It has been such a pleasure working with Alta and the surrounding community to endure the environmental integrity of this area for many generations. I've learned so much in such a short span of time; not only conservation related skills, but also the value of community stewardship. I feel deeply connected to these mountains and it's difficult to leave such a serene place, but I am happy to carry a new worldview, wisdom and ethics with me into the professional realm.



Alta Summer Operations

We saw a lot of changes this 2018 summer at Alta. It was our first summer ever to allow lift-served hiking as a pilot program in cooperation with the Forest Service and Town of Alta. Our operations crew managed and ran on weekends and holidays not just the lift, but the information booth, summer hosts, and the Albion Grill. The goal for Alta Ski Area in operating the summer recreation program is to provide information about our unique area to help bring awareness on recreating responsibly to conserve the environment and enhance the recreation experience. Some other new additions this summer to help mitigate recreational impact included a daily vehicle amenity fee for all vehicles traveling or parking up the summer road, and additional summer hosts in Albion Basin to assist visitors with naturalist and recreation information. We entered into this program in June knowing there would be room for improvement, and as we near the end come September 16th, we would like your feedback on how you think operations went this summer. We want to hear about your experiences, what you enjoyed, what you wouldn't change, what you would like to see, and suggestions on improving this program. Please leave comments regarding the 2018 summer operations program at: comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-saltlake@fs.fed.us

Thank You!





**We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors,
we borrow it from our children.**

- anonymous

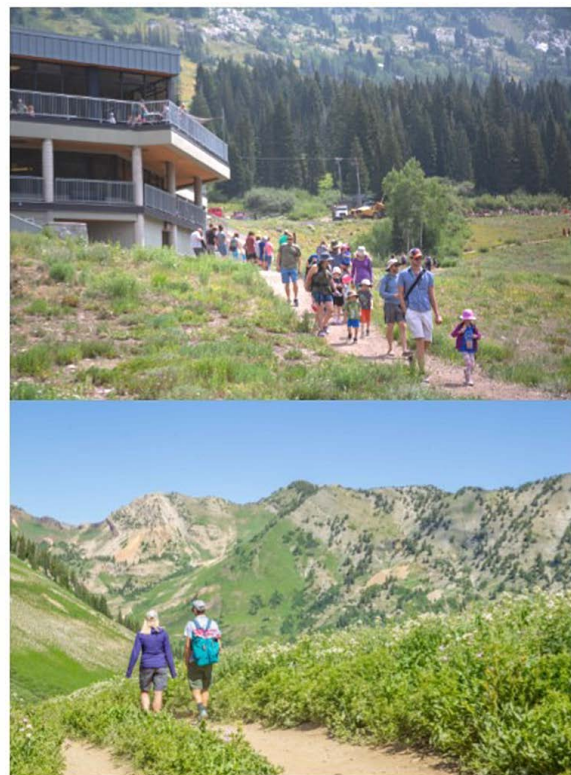
National Public Land Days

September 29, 2018 marks the 25th anniversary of National Public Lands Day (NPLD). Started in 1994 by three federal agencies the event was created to promote enjoyment and conservation of public lands. The great outdoors hold places for people to recreate, meditate, heal, learn, and most importantly have fun. These places include monuments, wildlife refuges, forests, national parks, grasslands, lakes, reservoirs and marine sanctuaries that are managed by public agencies together with non-profits and dedicated volunteers.

Did you know that National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single-day volunteer event? Plus there are many ways to celebrate NPLD.

- You can visit a national park for FREE!
- You can volunteer at your favorite park or forest, also for FREE!
- You can also share your favorite outdoor activity #NPLD.

Our partner and [Cottonwood Canyons Foundation](#) will be celebrating and giving back to the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest on [September 15th](#) and we hope to see you there. If you would like to learn more about NPLD within national forests visit fs.fed.us/visit/npld. Whether you volunteer or not, we encourage you to get outside this month and enjoy your public lands!



Fall Sustainability Events

- **Friday, September 14—Friends of Alta Memorial Tree Planting:** Friends of Alta hosts a day of planting trees for people interested in planting a memorial tree in honor of a loved one. More info at friendsofalta.org
- **Thursday, September 27—SLC Green Drinks at Uinta Brewing:** Each month Green Drinks brings together Salt Lake's broad community of sustainability advocates for an evening of snacks and libations. More info at facebook.com/slcgreendrinks.
- **Saturday, September 29—Art Space Tree Planting:** Join TreeUtah and Artspace Commons for an open house of all the businesses and non-profits that call Artspace home to plant a tree and enjoy the fall evening. More info at treeutah.org.
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