

## Jack Stauss

Moderator

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Hello again!

Just got off the phone with an officer from Unified Police Department regarding Cardiff Fork. They have been told by command not to give out citations to anyone skiing in the canyon, **Who at "command" is instructing regarding citations in Cardiff?**

as there is no way to prove if someone was trespassing, **What information, maps, surveys, etc., does Unified Police need to prove that someone is trespassing?**

and also as he said "there's no way for us to get up there this season, too much snow haha!"

They are taking a hands off approach to the current right of way/ land use issue, and **What is the current right of way/land use issues in Cardiff?**

letting the USFS work it out. **What does "work it out" mean**

They did want me to remind everyone to be respectful and to be excellent to each other! Also don't pee or poop in the skin track.

Responses to Flyer:

[Eli Primmer](#)

Keep in mind that these are the same folks that in 2009 applied to build a 40 acre lake in Upper Cardiff. They argued that a 40 acre lake takes as much water as 40 acres of forested land... which is laughably wrong. They'd rather have a private fishing pond than us to have drinking water. Something tells me that they don't necessarily have the public's best interest in mind and might not be telling the whole story with their little flyer. <https://www.waterrights.utah.gov/docImport/0529/05294086.pdf>

[Zach Hodgson](#)

"shooting signs, vandalizing, defecating on the canyon, confrontation, name calling, finger waving is not helpful"

so we agree that intimidations with people openly bearing arms is not productive? Sure pooping accidents happen, but most of the time done respectfully. I've never seen a BC skier do any of the vandalism or sign shooting. Sure we get in arguments, but who doesn't? And we probably wouldn't be on high alert if we weren't being actively threatened. **Who is being actively threatened, by whom, and what are the specific threats? Have police reports been filed?**

[Xavier Quintana](#)

[Zach Hodgson](#) Yeah it's a bummer when people are rolled over by bureaucracy, but this is highly ironic given the few weekends they spent pulling guns on folks who didn't otherwise know what was going on. Not exactly the best way to garner sympathy for your cause. **Who pulled guns on folks? Are there police reports for such actions and investigations?**

[Casey Buxton](#)

[Zach Hodgson](#) no guns were ever pulled. It's total bullshit

[Joe Herson](#)

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[Matthew Rocha](#)

[Joe Herson](#) why should only one philosophy dominate regulations in our government. That's how you end up with a dictatorship, these are all interesting points it would be interesting to see the other side of the coin..

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[Joe Herson](#)

[Matthew Rocha](#) Remove the philosophies that lead to dictatorships and other forms of authoritarian government.

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[Joe Herson](#) so that the philosophy that you like can dominate and be the oppressor of a dictatorship? That very unfree of you

[Shyan Salkhordeh](#)

If it prevents the entitled landowners from using their snowmobiles wherever they want, I'm happy with keeping the private road closed and the gate locked. **Is Cardiff a public or a private road and what documents do you rely on?**

They've been abusing and violating the agreement **What violations have occurred and what supporting documents are you relying on?**

- now that they're being held accountable, they want to cry.

I personally don't believe there should be any private property in the CC's so they're not getting any sympathy from me. **Are there efforts to buy private lands in Cardiff? Did you know that every month, every home is charged a fee that is supposed to purchase the land in the watershed? There is approximately \$11 million in that account at Salt Lake City Public Utilities**

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[John Flanagan](#)

[Shyan Salkhordeh](#) believing private property shouldn't be there does not mean they have they shouldn't have the right to own it

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[Shyan Salkhordeh](#)

[John Flanagan](#) I understand that. I also own private property and will respect their rights as owners of that land (but I can still have that opinion and agree to disagree). They sure as hell ain't getting my support though.

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[William Berge](#)

[Shyan Salkhordeh](#) is it illegal for them to use snowmobiles to access their private property. I was not aware of what was in the agreement. **Copy of the agreement for public review**

It all seems strange most ski resorts are on leased land, yet they clear trees, build roads, build permanent structures, use explosives etc. Smaller land owners who actually own land with titles that precede the national forest are the ones people complain about. **There are a lot of inconsistencies as to what occurs at the ski resorts to what can occur on private land, yet it is in the same watershed**

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[Shyan Salkhordeh](#)

[William Berge](#) The argument of owning the land prior to the FS, EPA, and Wasatch National Forest being established doesn't sit well with me, or change my opinion. But that's an entirely different topic. Not to mention, I have my concerns with how ski resorts manage the land in coordination with the FS. Once again, different topic.

My issue is that these guys think they can ride their snowmobiles in non designated areas...**Do you have specific examples of riding in non-designated areas?**

BCC is a protected watershed for crying out loud. **What is a protected watershed? Ski resorts, homes, businesses, and more are in the watershed. Where is the watershed?**

If they only used them on their private road then I wouldn't care, but they're being deceitful, plenty of people have seen them riding where they're not supposed to. **How do they know where the private lands and public land boundaries are? Unified Police claim they do not know and the forest service claims they do not have surveys**

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[William Berge](#)

[Shyan Salkhordeh](#) if they ride snowmobiles where they aren't supposed to the riders should be cited. **Where are the citations and who is supposed to cite them?**

Certainly there should be better enforcement. **Better enforcement of what? Trespassing?**

As for the watershed, we need stiffer penalties for everything, dogs, parking, snowmobiles, bathers, swimmers, people who camp close to water etc. **We need to define the watershed**

[Bob Gray](#)

At least the landowners are telling the public exactly what it takes to gain access back

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[Phil Santala](#)

[Bob Gray](#) they should be as clear as to why they choose not to renew their agreement. **Have you asked the landowners?**

Keys weren't take, they were handed over. When landowners choose this route. **What are the specifics relating to the keys?**

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**This should be disclosed and discussed publicly**

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[Ryan Hamic](#)

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If you ask the forest service, the landowners had been frequently violating provisions of the previous agreement, so they put stronger wording/penalties etc into the new agreement to attempt to prevent that. **Has the Forest Service provided the citations for the violations?**

The landowners wouldn't sign it, so the agreement was not renewed and they locked the gate until an agreement is reached.

Who is right? I don't know, but that is a quick recap of what has brought us to this point.

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[Seth M Kotelnicki](#)

Yeah I'm still going to slide on snow there. **Does this mean you are trespassing on private land?**

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[Casey Buxton](#)

[Seth M Kotelnicki](#) can come with an \$1800 trespassing ticket. UPD is watching fyi

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[Mark Monroe](#)

I would think there was an implied public easement. **Need to obtain a legal opinion**  
People have been using that road to access the backcountry for decades. If we stop using the road, the implied easement would be lost.

I believe that is why the land owner hasn't been calling the cops on trespassers. **Have the landowners filed police reports?**

A court would likely support the easement. **Probably do not need the court, but a legal opinion**

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[Casey Buxton](#)

[Mark Monroe](#) not true

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[Walter Thomas](#)

[Mark Monroe](#) if you're confident that you should sue for the easement. **Legal opinion?**

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[John Mletschnig](#)

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[Joe Heron](#) wtf Joe why'd you bring politics into this? You just like stirring 🐎💩 up I guess.....

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[Jason Shumaker](#)

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Nice

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[Drew Nehrenz](#) was it 1886? They didn't mention.

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[Corey Blaser](#)

I support the landowners here. I'm a big supporter of the forest service, but they are not in the right.

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[Sam Wright](#)

I'd like a map of what exactly is effected. **Yes, detailed maps are necessary**

I've seen a lot of maps of the FS and private lane. But come summer will donut falls also be blocked off or just the road thereafter?

I ask because I originally was under the impression that the entire area, starting at the pulloff gate would be closed. This sounds like it is closed beyond the DF parking area.

**Need maps**

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[Chris Pond](#)

Sam Wright DF is public; so is the road up to where they fenced/closed it. No longer closed afaik. Just past the summer trail to Kessler. **Maps**

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[Chris Pond](#) good info, thanks!

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