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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Recommendation for Mark S. Allen

This is a letter of recommendation for Mr. Mark S. Allen, formerly of Lindon, Utah. My relationship with Mark is both as a neighbor for nearly ten years and more recently as a colleague in defending public access and use of the Mineral Basin of the American Fork Canyon in Utah County.

About four years ago Mark enquired of my knowledge of the American Fork Canyon with respect to location of property boundaries. I had worked previously as a professional land surveyor for both the U.S. Forest Service in locating several mineral survey boundaries along the American Fork River and for the owners of the Silver Dipper mineral survey on the north slope of Miller Hill ridge. Learning that a privately owned ski area was planning to acquire all private lands within the upper portion of the canyon and in the mineral basin for private development, I joined with a group of individuals representing users of the property and trails in the canyon for recreation and the few property owners still maintaining access to the canyon. With Mark's leadership and skills in working with public and private entities an alliance of American Fork Canyon (AFC) users was formed with the purpose of maintaining open access to historically used trails for enjoyment by the public.

Mark led the way to get public forums with locally elected officials including Utah County commissioners and mayors of the cities to educate and bring together and identify common grounds for defending and maintaining public access and use of the canyon lands. Protection of the American Fork watershed became a principal part of the management process as mining waste runoff threatened the water supply. Mark's understanding of the roles and responsibilities of various entities was evident by his coordination of the above with federal agencies which monitor and engage in protection of the environment. Without Mark's abilities to bring people together, retaining public use of AFC would likely have failed.

In all of my work with Mark I have found him to be honest and forthright in his communications and the goals he has pursued to benefit the public at large. He has worked numerous hours on his own tab to deal with issues which have been obscured and buried in the everyday responsibilities and lack of capability of various public entities within federal, state and county governments.

I have admired the work ethic and industry of Mark and his unselfish commitment to laboring in behalf of public needs and resources which may well have been lost without his attention and foresight.

Mark has been like a "Gephardt" of KSL news in his tenacity and resourcefulness in getting to the core of problems or potential problem issues and has benefitted the public at large. I would recommend him as a great asset in identifying responsibilities and accountability within government agencies to increase and streamline management processes to execute responsibilities for the protection and trust of the public.

Most sincerely,

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