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Gentlemen;

As we have witnessed by the recent flooding in Washington County, the impact that water and debris can have on a community. I am writing this letter out of concern for the conditions in the stream beds for Little Cottonwood, Big Cottonwood, and Millcreek. The amount of debris, encroachment and stream alteration gives me great cause that any significant run-off will produce flooding potentials in the urbanized areas where these streams run their course.

I am also concerned that the areas up the canyons above the urban line are of a great potential also. The downfall in the stream beds in the canyon areas is very great and could lead to blockages and flooding.

I would also have concerns for the other East Side Canyons; Parley's, Emigration, Red Butte and City Creek. They also pose a potential problem if we experience heavier run-off than we have had in the last several years of drought.

I would like to request that you work through the State Engineer's Office to attain all the permits that are needed to begin a program of intense stream bed maintenance that can be completed by the start of the run off period.

If I; in my capacity as either the Irrigation Supervisor for Salt Lake City Corporation, Public Utilities, or as the Little Cottonwood Creek Co-commissioner, can be of any help, I would gladly do what I can to assist you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Tim O'Hara  
S.L.C. Public Utilities  
L.C. Creek Co-commissioner

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