

Subject

Mountain Bike Park

Comment or Message

I am submitting this on behalf of my son, Frank.

South Weber Bike Park: Formal Public Comment

My name is Franklin Decker, and I'm here to speak about the future of land use in South Weber. As we see more of our open space being converted into residential subdivisions, I believe the city is overlooking a major opportunity to provide a safe, legitimate outlet for the younger generation: a dedicated Mountain Bike Park. And thanks for the starter pack on Firth Farm, but it's already too small for the demand. We need "PHASE 2" with actual jumps, berms, and tabletops. Where I live i just have to bike up a hill to go to a track owned by a nice family but that track (no offense) is not very skill building although it is fun i think that we need the land that the city owns for a official park. Nowadays it's very common to hear the statement that kids in our age group are addicted or said to be glued to our screens and that we need to go outside and it's not that we are addicted we just have nothing to do and if we even want to go biking we have to pack up our bikes and gear in a vehicle and drive 30-1:30 minutes to get to an accurate bike park. And yes many people would rather a skatepark but scooters, skate boards and even BMX bikes are easily portable and it's only a 15 minute drive to get to one. And with the land we have we don't need a crappy bike park with tiny tracks when we can have skill building jumps and trails.

While we have the Weber River Parkway, it's a flat, multi-use path that doesn't serve the needs of mountain bikers who are trying to build actual skills. Because we lack a public facility like the Ogden Bike Park, many of us are left with no choice but to build our own jumps and tabletop features.

The problem is that the only places left to do this are on private property or steep, unmanaged hillsides. This creates two major issues:

Legal Risk: We are often technically trespassing just to find rideable terrain, which puts us at odds with property owners and the city.

Safety: The DIY trails we build aren't regulated or professionally designed. They can be dangerous, and when they inevitably get torn down by developers or the city, it's a waste of our time and resources.

Many of us are willing to invest our own money—sometimes hundreds of dollars on personal ramps or tools—just to have a decent place to ride. But a backyard ramp can't replace a professionally designed city park.

South Weber's terrain is perfect for this. We have slopes that are difficult to develop for housing but would be great for gravity trails and skill lines. Instead of selling off every acre for more rooftops, I'm asking the council to prioritize a space that is safe, legal, and designed for us. Let's use this land to build a community asset that keeps us off private property and on a safe, sanctioned track to get those bored

teens that are supposedly addicted to their screens on their bike. Thank you for your time.

CC 2026-03-24 CI #2 Sturm
Comments to South Weber City Council
for 24Mar26 Meeting
by Paul A. Sturm

**Public Comments and Questions for Agenda Item #8 - Resolution 26-08:
Amending Emergency Operations Plan**

ACTION ITEM

8. Resolution 26-08: Amending Emergency Operations Plan

Comments:

There are several items that could benefit from additional considerations or clarifications.

Situation Overview (Basic Plan Page 4)

Substitute the word "any" for "all" in this paragraph, since only one event is needed to create an emergency.

Weber River Embankment Failure. (Basic Plan Page 5)

Other than the risks addressed in the study, there is a much larger risk with the flooding of either or both pits. It is the lubricity effect of the water on the foundation of US 89. The fill below the highway is primarily cobble, sand, and soil, that, when submerged in water, will become unstable and fail, especially with traffic vibrations.

Dam Failure. (Basic Plan Page 5)

The dam failures addressed are only those in South Weber City (SWC). Once again, external issues create a much more severe emergency. As pointed out in the 2020 SWC General Plan, the effects of upstream dam failures have a greater effect, and was briefly mentioned. A failure of the Rockport Reservoir Dam, and the Echo Reservoir Dam below, during an earthquake, would lead to a tsunami-type wave down Weber Canyon and into SWC. Additionally, a failure of the East Canyon Reservoir Dam during an earthquake, would not only wipe out Morgan, but also flow down the Weber River, and into SWC. To a lesser extent would be the failure of the Lost Creek Reservoir dam, with lesser consequences.

Direction and Control (Basic Plan Page 9)

A large concern with Direction and Control is that few of the responsible authorities listed in Appendix I actually live in SWC, and whether or not they could quickly respond to SWC in the event of an emergency is a question that should be considered.

Also, Annex C Appendix 5 states that the City's computers & files are stored in the basement of City Hall. The basement could be subject to flooding during an extreme flooding event.

Annex C Appendix 1 - City Records - Gas - Dominion (sp)