SO FAR, SO GOOD, BUT THE JOB ISN'T DONE

Your help is needed now to permanently protect Rock Canyon

STATUS: A creative legal arrangement between Provo City and Red Slab, a private company set up by state Sen. John Valentine and his partner, Phil Lowry, has resulted in a very encouraging situation. Two of the three owners of the 83-acre parcel at risk of quarrying have sold their combined 50 percent interest in the property to Provo City. Provo assigned its purchase option to Red Slab and paid $200,000 in exchange for Red Slab's granting a permanent conservation easement. This is very good news. However, another owner still holds the other 50 percent interest. While Red Slab now owns a 50 percent undivided interest and is willing to defend that interest in court, it is possible that the other 50 percent owner could return to quarry operations. To prevent this, it is important that his interest be purchased for a fair price. Mayor Lewis Billings, State Sen. Curt Bramble and others are hopeful that money to purchase the remaining Rock Canyon property interest can be acquired from the state's McAllister Fund, which was established to protect critical lands. To make this happen, many public voices must be heard loud and clear.

URGENT! Please write a letter today!

The LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund provides grants that can be used for conservation of critical lands. During the 2004 Legislative session, the fund received an appropriation of $482,600. The fund also received a one-time appropriation of $300,000 in addition to this. A 7th cycle of pre-applications was solicited, and the fund received $4,163,000 in requests – far more than the available dollars. Applicants included Provo City, which was invited to submit a full application for the Rock Canyon Preservation Project.

STATE'S DECISION DEADLINE IS SEPT. 13, 2004

FOR THE SAKE OF ROCK CANYON, DON'T DELAY! Hundreds of letters needed!

Send a letter explaining: How you have used and enjoyed Rock Canyon • How you feel about the value of its natural beauty • Your thoughts on the potential of its becoming a rock quarry • Personal experiences or insights • Work you have done to reclaim or otherwise improve the canyon

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