

Park City ski season threatened

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It's more torturous than waiting for the first snow of the ski season.

A defining court ruling last week in the ongoing land-lease dispute between Park City Mountain Resort and Talisker Land Holdings has done nothing to relieve the anxiety in Utah's premiere ski town.

The ski season may be five months away, but if PCMR were not to open, it would be devastating for Park City businesses, residents and taxpayers.

"It's crystal clear to everyone with a business. The longer this goes on without a resolution the uncertainty just gets worse and worse for the rest of us," said City Councilwoman Liza Simpson, who also works at Dolly's Bookstore.

The municipality calculated it would lose \$4.1 million in taxes in the upcoming ski season if the resort were not to open, Simpson said. But that doesn't take into consideration the impact on restaurants, lodges, ski shops and others, she noted.

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