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If you live in Utah, you have many things to be grateful for, including the majestic mountains. Utah is one of my favorite places to ski. And now it ranks as one of my favorite states for data privacy.

This week, Utah Governor Spencer Cox, State Attorney General Sean Reyes, and State Auditor John Dougall announced their appointments to the State’s Personal Privacy Oversight Commission, which was created during the last legislative session.

The 12-member Commission is designed to provide guiding standards and best practices for the State of Utah’s privacy policies. It will recommend minimum privacy standards for governmental agencies and will collaborate with the Government Operations Privacy Officer and the State Privacy Officer. How many states have a Government Operations Privacy Officer and a State Privacy Officer? Nirvana. And did I mention the majestic mountains?

The Utah legislature has the privacy of its residents top of mind. To have two dedicated individuals, as well as a 12-member Personal Privacy Oversight Commission, all working on privacy issues is impressive. We look forward to seeing what governmental policies and protections come out of Utah in the near future.