

March 22, 2016

RE: Letter of Support for Tilly Jane Cabin improvements

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter of support for the proposed improvements at the Tilly Jane A-Frame as proposed by the Oregon Nordic Club. The ONC seeks to rehab an existing Mt. Hood retreat that provides a unique experience for visitors to the mountain and Hood River County. This recreational opportunity is available to the public and enhances the ability to enjoy nature, extend stays and is a very low cost option. This project is a great example of how public-private partnerships can work together for a common goal. The ONC of Portland is capable to work with multiple entities to partner and provide a great amenity for the community and the Pacific Northwest.

The improvements to Tilly Jane will positively impact all citizens of our community as well as offer a fun, safe, affordable access to the areas above tree line including hiking and skiing trails. Not only is it available for overnight stays but it is a great stop for those on day hikes. This historic structure has been around for generations and the preservation and rehabilitation will extend the life of Tilly Jane cabin for years to come.

This project addresses the needs identified in the 2012 Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation Master plan to work with partners to improve trail connectivity between public facilities, parks and open space. Extending the usefulness of the Tilly Jane Cabin will help meet this goal.

If I can offer any further support please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lori Stirn, District Director