

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Mountain Tracks Ski Shop to document my support of the proposed rehabilitation project plans for the Tilly Jane A-Frame submitted by the Oregon Nordic club.

The cabin is unique, in that, it is located on the upper flanks of Mt Hood, allows for direct access to areas above tree line, hiking/skiing trails and it's available for rental reservations by the general public. The cabin can accommodate up to 20 people per night and serves as a stop in for others out on day hikes. While it's challenging to obtain a reservation on weekends, it's NOT impossible and there are ample overnight stay options mid-week.

The cabin is important to me for these reasons and so much more. Without this access point, I would be forced to "camp" during the winter months and this really isn't an option due to winter storms and below freezing temperatures. So, without the A-Frame, staying overnight on the NE side of the mountain isn't really feasible for the general public! I also have an interest in seeing historic structures maintained so they can continue to be used. It's pretty amazing to think that it's served as a shelter for generations of Oregonians before us and I'd like to see it be around for the generations that follow!

Finally, having a public facility like the Tilly Jane A-Frame also serves the surrounding community and beyond through bringing in tourism dollars. Cabin patrons spend money outfitting themselves, purchasing food and beverages and filling their gas tanks within the Hoodland area, Hood River and Portland.

The Tilly Jane A-Frame is an Oregon treasure that deserves to be maintained! Please don't wait any longer to address all the deferred maintenance and rehabilitation needs.

Thank You;

Sara & Glenn Nilsen
Owner-Mountain Tracks Ski Shop
sara@mntntracks.com