## Oregon Nordic Club PORTLAND CHAPTER





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To Whom It May Concern:

I am the current President of the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club and would like to express my support for the rehabilitation project of the Historic A-Frame Cabin at Tilly Jane, on the northeast side of Mt.Hood.

The club has been managing the Tilly Jane cabin for at least five years. During that time club members and others have provided improvements, installed a new wood stove, painted, organized, purchased supplies, stocked firewood and, in general, created a more inviting space for back country skiers, snow shoers, and snow boarders in the winter and for hikers and climbers in the summer. Outdoor enthusiasts have treasured the time spent there and put in extra work and energy to maintain it for the public's enjoyment. People recognize the cabin's historic significance and would like to see it maintained for future generation's enjoyment. It is a well used and well loved site. It is a place where people have access to wilderness, where like-minded people can connect, escape the demands of daily life, and re-charge in a beautiful mountain environment. It is not an expensive winter resort, available to only a few, but it is a inexpensive mountain retreat, accessible to anyone with the desire to spend time there.

An infusion of money is necessary for the continued maintenance of the cabin at Tilly Jane. Major restoration needs to happen. Speaking for the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club, I'm sure our members want to continue to have access to the cabin. It is indeed a special place: a jewel in the forest, a haven for so many outdoor enthusiasts. An investment in the A-Frame Cabin at Tilly Jane would continue its long history of serving the outdoor community.

Sincerely,

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