



TILLY JANE A-FRAME - A PACIFIC NORTHWEST CULTURAL, HISTORICAL, AND COMMUNITY TREASURE

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Outdoor Project and our 1 million plus users throughout Portland, Oregon, and the Western U.S. and Canada, we strongly support the 2016 proposed rehabilitation project plans for the Tilly Jane A-Frame submitted by the Oregon Nordic club.

Built in the late 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corp, the Tilly Jane A-Frame is a quintessential rustic alpine retreat. The A-Frame was originally constructed to support climbing parties on their ascents of Mount Hood's challenging northeastern route. Today it is used and beloved by people throughout the Pacific Northwest.

With federal land management agency budgets routinely being diminished, the cabin today is graciously maintained by the Oregon Nordic Club, and during the winter months the rustic and very popular abode sees a constant flow of day-trippers and overnight guests.

Unlike any other accommodation, cabin or lookout tower open to the public in Oregon, the A-Frame is one-of-a-kind in its ability to shelter so many guests. Large enough to accommodate 20 guests comfortably, it creates a uniquely special place to gather with fellow outdoor enthusiasts. Outfitted with a giant wood stove in the center of the structure the A-Frame is a place where people can warm up, dry their socks, and socialize after a long day's recreation in the Mount Hood Forest + Wilderness, one of the nation's most used federally designated wilderness areas.

Unfortunately, the Oregon Nordic Center alone doesn't have sufficient funds to sustainably upkeep this national treasure, and many capital/structural improvements (such as repairing the aging roof) have had to be deferred.

Action must be taken to protect the Tilly Jane A-Frame so that it may be enjoyed for generations to come. Outdoor Project pledges to do all we can in this effort.

Thanks in advance for your consideration!

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ABOUT OUTDOOR PROJECT:

Harnessing the passions of the outdoor and travel community, Outdoor Project is working to create the best outdoor adventure resource. Ever. It's a distinctly unique media company built with the best web + mobile features, content-generation incentives, and a platforms to connect members with fellow outdoor enthusiasts, and the businesses and organizations that serve the industry. Based in Portland, Outdoor Project already features profiles for more than 3,300 adventures across the western U.S. and Canada that have been created by a community of more than 140 active Contributors. Each adventure guide contains an in-depth and informative trip report that is accompanied by curated photos, reservation and permit information, local weather reports, detailed field guides and maps for off-line use, and more. Outdoor Project had 250,000 unique monthly visitors in 2015 and is anticipating nearly 1 million unique monthly visitors during the summer of 2016. Clients include: REI, U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Visit Salt Lake, Callaghan Country, TRAK Kayaks, Olight, Explore Hood Canal, Next Adventure, U.S. Outdoor Store, Deuter, Mountainsmith, Tubbs Snowshoes, Boreas, etc.