

Tilly Jane A-Frame Letter of Support

To Whom it May Concern:

I write on behalf of The Mountain Shop in support of proposed rehabilitation project plans for the Tilly Jane A-Frame, submitted by the Oregon Nordic club. Established in 1937, The Mountain Shop and Tilly Jane share a common heritage on the mountain and in our hearts. Since then, many of our staff and customers have shared experiences at Tilly Jane over the years, and returned to the shop to tell their collection of stories. We, our outdoor recreation community, are connected by history and a passion for the mountains.

The cabin is important because it is a community gathering place; it is a place where we come together to participate in our mountain way of life. It provides a rare opportunity to enjoy the snowy landscape without digging a snow cave or putting up a tent, providing space for a community to gather in refuge from harsh winter weather.. For many people maintaining this access is critical as is sustaining our local mountain culture.

In a larger sense, Tilly Jane is a part of our historic mountain community while also providing opportunities for people to participate in the local outdoor recreation economy. It seems that every week people come in to rent ski or snowshoes, load up on food and fuel to head up to the A-Frame. As the oldest surviving skiing and mountaineering shop in the country, thousands of our customers make a stay at Tilly Jane part of their annual mountain rituals.

Due to decades regular use and deferred maintenance the A-frame structure seriously needs some rehabilitation to continue playing this critical role in our culture and economy. I encourage all funders, including legacy businesses like the Mountain Shop, to make the wise investment in this mountain way of life by generously funding the renewal of Tilly Jane A-Frame, a special, historic place that deserves to continue its legacy of service to the community in the future.

Thank You;

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