

Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum

May 13, 2016

Oregon Nordic Club PO Box 3906 Portland, OR 97208 Attn: Andre Fortin

Dear Andre and Nordic Club Board;

Thank you for the recent update on the status of the Tilly Jane A-Frame. The mission of the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum includes preserving Mount Hood history. We consider preserving the historic buildings on the Mt. Hood National Forest to be part of that mission. The responsibility for maintenance of this Historic Register building lies clearly with the US Forest Service. Unfortunately Congress has different funding priorities and raids the US Forest Service budget to pay of forest fire suppression which such be national disaster funding just like floods or other weather related events. We understand the funding situation on the National Forest and applaud the Mt. Hood National Forest for being creative and partnering with groups such as Oregon Nordic Club to preserve the historic buildings on the Forest.

The Museum is happy to advocate for historic building preservation and promote creative use of historic structures; we are not however in a position to offer financial support. As a nonprofit 501 c 3 we rely on donations, grants and memberships to fund the ongoing museum operations and programs.

The Nordic Club is more than welcome to use the museum and visitor center to promote your work at Tilly Jane. Just provide us with the information, flyers, handouts and media posts. By separate email we are asking Andre to present the Tilly Jane story at the July 30 Social History Happy Hour.

Sincerely;

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