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To whom it may concern:

Bark's mission is to bring about a transformation of public lands in and around Mt. Hood National Forest into a place where natural processes prevail, where wildlife thrives and where local communities have a social, cultural, and economic investment in its restoration and preservation. Bark has over 25,000 supporters who use the public lands surrounding Mt. Hood for a wide range of uses. On behalf of our supporters we submit our encouragement for the construction to rehabilitate the Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin. The presence of a system of trails and developed recreation facilities, such as the A-Frame, enables thousands of visitors to enjoy and experience Mt. Hood National Forest each year.

The history of the mountain is an important part of the social fabric of the forest and historic structures such as the Tilly Jane A-Frame serve as an opportunity for less developed recreation experiences on Mt. Hood. This wonderful structure was built by members of the Civilian Conservation Corps who also built many trails and other facilities that are still in use today. We all benefit from the legacy of the people who built Tilly Jane, Timberline Lodge, and trails in the forest and we support efforts to maintain existing structures and trails.

We agree that it's time to invest in renovating and maintaining the Tilly Jane A-Frame so that future generations of forest visitors will be able to enjoy the beautiful Cloud Cap area of Mt. Hood. Bark supports the Oregon Nordic Club's efforts to secure funding to rehabilitate the A-Frame and move forward to implement the project in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

Thank you for adding your support to this high value project that will benefit many people in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

/s/ Russ Plaeger

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Restoration Coordinator