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Oregon Nordic Club  
c/o Andre Fortin  
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Dear Andre,

On behalf of the Hood River Crag Rats, I am writing in support of the Oregon Nordic Club's plans to rehabilitate the Tilly Jane A-Frame. There are two primary compelling reasons that this project should be engaged and completed.

First, the Tilly Janes A-Frame is of historical significance as a key anchor to the Historic Cloud Cap/Tilly Jane District. This district has been the focal point for climbs and exploration of Mt. Hood's north side since the late nineteenth century, including many first ascents and decades of legendary climbs conducted by the American Legion and Crag Rats. Many prominent features of Mt. Hood are named after local and regional people who staged their endeavors from this area.

More importantly, the A-Frame provides safe haven for mountain adventurers. Climbers, skiers, snowshoers and others have used the A-Frame to safely hunker down during the many intense storm sieges for which Mt. Hood is well known. I shudder to think of the rescue missions that might have been had there not been the A-Frame to provide warmth and protection from these harsh weather conditions for mountaineers.

The ONC has its own history of commendable service to the Oregon mountain community and is well positioned as a considerate caretaker for the A-Frame and its rehabilitation. We heartily support their proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Rousseau".

Tom Rousseau  
President of the Hood River Crag Rats