THE MOUNTAINEERS

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Winter Recreation Advisory Committee
Washington State Parks

RE: Support for Ski For Light's application to improve signage on the Erling Stordahl trails

Dear Winter Recreation Advisory Committee members,

On behalf of The Mountaineers, please accept our letter of support for Ski For Light's application to improve signage on the Erling Stordahl ski and snowshoe trails.

The Mountaineers, based in Seattle, Washington and founded in 1906, is a nonprofit outdoor education, conservation, and recreation organization whose mission is "to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond." The Mountaineers Books publishing division expands the mission internationally through award-winning publications including instructional guides, adventure narratives, and conservation photography. 1,600 skilled volunteers lead 3,200 outdoor education trips and courses annually for 14,000 members. Our youth programs provide over 10,000 opportunities each year for children to get outside. We are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that cares about the outdoors, and protects the outdoor experience for current and future generations.

Ski For Light requests $1,000 to make 12 posts and plywood for sign upgrades on the Erling Stordahl trails, providing needed replacement of existing wayfinding with upgraded maps to benefit skiers and snowshoers. This funding will benefit The Mountaineers cross country ski and snowshoe programs, trips, and courses, as well as our larger community of outdoor enthusiasts. Our ski and snowshoe leaders and members have found the current signage on the Erling Stordahl trails quite hard to follow. Improved signage will help cross country skiers and snowshoers navigate this complex network of trails more easily and safely.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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