



January 8, 2025

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Support for the following RCO grant applications:

Deception Falls Trail Bridge Replacement, RTP Project No. 24-2692
Hwy. 2 Recreation Corridor Maintenance 2026-2027, NOVA NHR Project No. 24-2681
Skykomish Ranger District Trail Maintenance 2026, NOVA NM Project No. 24-2482

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of The Mountaineers, I write to support the following Skykomish Ranger District's 2025 trail development and maintenance projects: **Deception Falls Trail Bridge Replacement, Hwy. 2 Recreation Corridor Maintenance, and Skykomish Ranger District Trail Maintenance.**

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." 1,200 skilled volunteers lead 3,200 outdoor education trips and courses annually for over 16,000 members. Our youth programs provide over 15,000 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.

The Skykomish Ranger District encompasses many hiking, mountaineering and backcountry snow sports (skiing, snowshoeing and split boarding) destinations, and our members visit the District every season of the year. These proposals will help protect and maintain access to these public lands that are very valuable to our membership.

We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the Skykomish Ranger District. The Mountaineers believe that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving our public lands and the experiences they provide.

Sincerely,



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