# APPENDIX A: ESTABLISHING A SIG LEADER DESIGNATION

Problem Statement:

* The Basic Climbing Program needs SIG leaders who are qualified to teach students snow and rock skills, and to offer outdoor skill and conditioning trips or activities.
* Climb leaders are currently required to lead these activities. However, the requirement to be a climb leader limits the available pool of potential SIG Leaders
* The climbing program has capable Intermediate Students with the requisite leadership skills, experience, and qualifications to lead such activities.

Proposal:

* Establish a new SIG Leader classification with criteria for approval by the Climbing Committee and clear guidelines for activities a SIG Leader may lead.
* Prospective applicants to be reviewed and vetted by the Leadership Subcommittee and voted on by the Climbing Committee.

Guidelines:

* Existing Climb Leaders are qualified to lead SIGs and are not affected by this proposal.
* Applicants must have completed Intermediate Field Trips including Ropes and Anchors, Rescue Methods, Rock 1 and Rock 2, or have been granted intermediate equivalency. Completion of the Crag Program can substitute for Rock 1 and Rock 2.
* Should have completed AIARE Level 1 Avalanche Training.
* Should have current WFA or MOFA certification.
* Should have taught at all Basic Field trips.
* Should have completed at least three Basic Leads total, including at least one Basic Rock leads and one Basic Glacier lead.
* Should have previously assisted a SIG Leader for 1 or more years.
* Should present an application providing climbing and teaching experience, field trips completed, a copy of MOFA or WFA certification, and a list of Climb Leaders who have observed the candidate in a leadership role.
* Must demonstrate crag climbing experience and safe practices setting up top rope anchors.

Restrictions:

* A SIG Leader is qualified to lead SIG-only
  + day hikes,
  + top-roped rock climbing practice trips,
  + snow practice trips, and
  + snowshoe trips not in avalanche terrain.
* The SIG Leader may not lead climbs/scrambles of any level without a climb/scramble leader present as leader of record.

Benefits:

* Provides additional leadership and teaching resources to the Basic Climbing Program
* Formalizes the status of existing SIG Leaders.
* Provides additional leadership training for potential climb leaders.