

HAINES SKI & HIKE CLUB



Established 1965
P.O. Box 491, Haines, Alaska 99827

May 26,2014

Dear Borough Assembly, Manager Sosa;

The Haines Ski and Hike Club would appreciate your consideration of our organization for possible grant money matching funds for the purpose of providing winter recreation in the Haines Valleys.

We recently received a \$4,000 Grant commitment from Alaska Ski Education Foundation in Anchorage toward the purchase of new ski tack setting equipment We thank Jon Hirsh for taking the lead on this successful endeavor. A similar amount of match funding is required for us to succeed in the purchase of a Ginzu 84" Groomer with track setter totaling \$5,045.

The H.S.&H.C maintains groomed trails in multiple areas of the valley. Primary locations are Chilkoot Lake Recreation Site, Valley of the Eagles Golf Course, and 25 mile Klehini River. We are interested in expanding and improving Haines' cross country trail system. We have use of two Alaska State Parks Skandic snowmachines and small track setter. We also use private machines and homemade track setters for the prep work. We are looking for larger grooming equipment and a trailer. The community has been excited about the efforts and has motivated us to expand. In cooperation with the SE Alaska State Fair, Jessica Edwards, we intend to provide regular groomed tracks on the fairgrounds property to encourage youth, especially school ski classes, to have a quality near-by ski trail whenever snow conditions allow.

Our organization is a Alaska certified non-profit, Entity# 10017329, effective 12/20/2013. We have the support of numerous Health and Youth organizations in Haines.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ray Staska, Trail Operations; Bill Holton, Pres; Reuben Loewen, VP

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