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Subject: Haines Ski Club Grant

May 24th, 2014

Dear Mayor Scott, Manager- David Sosa and Haines Borough Assembly Members,

Thank you for your time and all you do to make our town of Haines a better place.

The Haines Ski Club recently applied for a grant to purchase new grooming equipment for cross-country and skate ski trails from the Alaska Ski Education Foundation. The grant was approved and funds will be received if we prove to have matching funds.

Haines has a very large population of cross country skiers hungry for more and improved trails. Our volunteer groomers, with patched together equipment, have done an incredible job over the years to provide us with groomed trails at the Valley of the Eagles Golf Course, 25 mile Haines Highway and most recently at Chilkoot State Park. While this is wonderful and we all thankfully go out and ski these trails, the option to have professional equipment would not only make this easier for our volunteer groomers, but expand the opportunities for ski access, greatly improve the trails, and provide a new opportunity for skate skiing. Having lived in many prime outdoor recreation towns in Idaho, Colorado and Montana - skate skiing trails will bring more skiers to the trails and provide wonderful, needed, exercise opportunities to our long winters. The Ski Club has also discussed and received support from the School to use this equipment to maintain a trail for the school to use to teach and practice cross country skiing.

For our health, recreation, winter happiness, and for the overall vitality to Haines in the winter, I ask that you please support matching funds to the Haines Ski Club - Alaska Ski Education Foundation Grant.

Thank you,
Leslie Ross