

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST

*His Counsel*



ADDRESS REPLY TO  
FOREST SUPERVISOR  
AND REFER TO

518 FEDERAL BUILDING,  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

L  
Uses, Snoqualmie

December 11, 1933

City of Seattle,  
Park Department  
Seattle, Wash.

GentlemenL

Reference is made to the informal application of Dr. T. L. Bordsen in behalf of the Park Department for permission to begin work on ski slides on National Forest land near Snoqualmie Pass.

This letter verifies the verbal permission given by me to Dr. Bordsen authorizing the Park Department to begin work on the ski <sup>slides</sup> ~~slides~~ at once, on an area designated on the ground by Dr. Bordsen and representatives of the Forest Service. This area is southwest of the highway and is a portion of tract M. (in Sec. 4, T. 22 N., N. 11 E. WM.) on the Forest Service recreation map for the Snoqualmie Pass area.

Work may be begun at once but the actual, detailed description of the tract will have to be determined later by a survey on the ground.

A free special use permit for such use by the City of Seattle Park Department will be issued within a few days.

Very truly yours,

*John C. Kuhns*  
Forest Supervisor

*Julius*

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Seattle parks, Herwood files.

FOREST SERVICE  
U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.  
SPECIAL USE PERMIT.

Uses, Snoqualmie  
Public Playground, 12/20/35  
City of Seattle Park Department.

Permission is hereby granted to City of Seattle Park  
Department, of Seattle, Washington - - -

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approximately N. 76 degrees W., 1425 feet more or less to the  
point of beginning, containing 28.4 acres more or less.

For the purpose of PUBLIC PLAYGROUND

subject to the following conditions:

1. The permittee shall pay NO CHARGE under Reg I-2 B.
2. The permittee shall comply with the regulations of the  
Department of Agriculture governing the National Forest, shall  
observe all sanitary laws and regulations applicable to the  
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condition and dispose of all refuse and locate outhouses and  
cesspools as required by the Forest officers.
3. This permit is subject to all valid claims.
4. The permittee shall take all reasonable precautions to  
prevent and suppress forest fires.
5. The permittee, if engaged in business, shall conduct  
same in an orderly manner and in accordance with all requirements  
of the laws of the State of Washington, as well as the laws of the  
United States.
6. The permittee shall pay the United States for any damage  
to its property resulting from this use.
7. The permittee shall fully repair all damage, other than  
ordinary wear and tear, to roads and trails in the National  
Forests caused by the permittee in the exercise of the privilege  
granted by this permit.
8. Construction work (or occupancy and use) under this permit  
shall begin within - 1 - month, be completed within - 5 - years  
from the date of the permit, and this use shall be actually  
exercised at least - 90 - days each year, unless the time is  
extended or shortened.
9. In case of change of address, permittee shall  
immediately notify the Forest Supervisor.

10. The charges for this use may be readjusted whenever necessary to place this permit on a basis consistent with the charge to other permittees for like privileges. A general readjustment will be made at the end of the five years from the date of issuance of permit and at the end of each five-year period thereafter.

11. No National Forest timbers may be cut or destroyed without first obtaining a permit from the Forest Supervisor.

12. Upon the abandonment, termination, or revocation of this permit, and in the absence of an agreement to the contrary, the permittee, if all the rental charges due the Government have been paid, may, within a reasonable period to be determined by the issuing officer, remove all structures which have been placed on the premises by him, except there the material was furnished by the Forest Service, but upon the failure to remove the structures within that period they shall become the property of the United States.

13. This permit may be transferred with the approval of the officer by whom it was given or his successor, subject to such conditions as may be imposed at the time of transfer. It shall terminate upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the Regional Forester or the Forester.

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December 20, 1933.

(Signed) JOHN G. KUHNIS  
Forest Supervisor.

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SNOQUALMIE SKI COURSE

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(Signed) JOHN C. KUHNIS  
Forest Supervisor.

March 8, 1935

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 subject Financial Planning  
 Seattle parks, Sherwood Giles.

Darrah Corbet, Chairman  
 King County Welfare Board  
 410 Olive Way  
 Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Corbet:

In re: Grant C.17-12

This project covered park development and improvements and was set up at a total estimated cost of \$118,252.00. Funds were to come from the following sources:

Local Funds	\$80,000.00
Federal Aid	18,027.00
State Grant in Aid	21,225.00

The Federal application was rejected by the park board, I believe, and this left only the local and State funds. According to the information forwarded to this office from Mr. Sheffield, Public Works Officer, this agreement should be revised as follows:

Total Estimated Cost	\$104,655.55
Local Funds	88,480.55
State Grant in Aid	21,225.00

The Grant in Aid application should likewise be revised showing in Section 5 a total estimated cost of \$104,655.55 and the breakdown of Section 5 should show wages \$17,000.00, material and services \$87,655.55.

If the above information is in agreement with the records at your office will you please revised the Grant in Aid agreement and application as outlined.

In the space below please have official of the sponsor, City of Seattle Park Board, attest all copies of this notification of change in agreement and application. Please keep one copy for your files, send one to the sponsor, and mail the original and one duplicate to F. R. Kinread, 212 Old Capitol Building, Olympia.

Very truly yours,

STATE EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

By

E.R. Kinread, Deputy Auditor

ERK:s

ATTEST:

City of Seattle Park Board

By

M.C. Hall

Junior Park Engineer

WASHINGTON EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT NO. 2

OLD TIMES BUILDING, 410 OLIVE WAY  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

H. N. MOORE  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

March 14, 1935

The Board of Park  
Commissioners,  
2334 Fourth Avenue,  
Seattle, Washington.

ATTENTION - MR. HARRY WESTFALL.

SUBJECT: STATE GRANT IN AID C.17-12.  
PARK DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT.

Dear Sir:

We are handing you herewith a letter in quadruplicate received from the State Emergency Relief Administration for your indorsement on each of the copies, and return of the original and two copies to the writer. The letter is self explanatory.

For your information in this matter, we are enclosing copy of a recent statement, in two sheets, which the writer has transmitted to the State Emergency Relief Administration.

We see this as an endeavor on the part of Olympia to have all records concerning Grant C.17-12 in harmony throughout the files of the City of Seattle, the King County Welfare Board, and the State Emergency Relief Administration.

We trust that you find all matters covered in Mr. Kinread's letter in agreement with the understanding of the project at this time.

May we request immediate attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

KING COUNTY WELFARE BOARD

  
F. D. SHEFFIELD  
Public Works Officer

FDS MB  
Encl

RECEIVED  
MAR 15 1935  
PARK DEPARTMENT

**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES OF PARK BOARD FUNDS ESTABLISHED FOR STATE GRANT-IN-AID PROJECT C.17-12.**

Under date of September 6th 1934 the Public Works Officer received from the President of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Seattle a letter accompanied by a Statement of Expenditures of Park Funds set up for State Grant-in-Aid Project C.17-12. The statement referred to gives the detail expenditures month by month for each subdivision of the project and is authenticated by the signature of the Park Engineer as taken from records of the Park Department, certified correct by the Chief Clerk of the Park Department, also certified correct by a Deputy City Comptroller.

The King County Welfare Board, knowing the work accomplished, accepts the record with the following comment:

An expenditure of \$ 572.65 upon the Snoqualmie Ski Tract was not contemplated in the project receiving grant. The Ski Tract however fits into the Seattle Park Recreational Facilities. The Park Department Playground Staff obtained proper authority to improve and use the tract in the National Forest. It is close to the Snoqualmie Pass Highway above Rosedale and is accessible for winter sports, thereby furnishing a recreational service sufficiently well used by Seattle ski enthusiasts to justify the Park participation. CWA labor and Park Staff direction accomplished the work.

Some expenditures for labor included were prior to the CWA program and were considered necessary to the program by the Park Department because qualified and experienced workmen are required for gardener work and preparations for seeding and planting. Other employment of Labor by the Park Department has been occasioned, following shut downs of relief labor employment, to safeguard or complete work unfinished at the time.

The Summary of certified Statement follows:

To July 1, 1934 from Park Bond Issue Funds:

	<u>Labor</u>	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Expenditures	\$ 15,573.83	\$ 57,373.42	\$ 72,947.25
On hand unexpended and reserved to use in completion of unfinished work			\$ 2,903.90
Total of Sponsor funds applicable			<u>\$ 63,450.55</u>

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End of Statement.  
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**STATE-GRANT-IN-AID C.17-12  
SEATTLE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT.**

**STATEMENT OF FUNDING OF PROJECT: PURSUANT TO LETTER OF PARK BOARD  
PRESIDENT UNDER DATE OF SEPTEMBER 6th, 1934.**

Sponsor: Park Bond Issue Funds	\$ 82,450.55
State E.R.A.: Grant in Aid C.17-12	\$ 21,205.00
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	\$104,655.55

**PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES:**

<u>Special qualified Labor-Payroll.</u>	<u>Materials and Services Invoiced.</u>	<u>Total of Expendi- tures, Labor, Water- ial and Services.</u>
7/1/34 * \$ 15,575.23	\$ 70,392.43	\$ 86,468.66
# \$ 1,426.77	\$ 16,763.12	\$ 18,190.89
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Totals \$ 17,000.00	\$ 87,655.55	\$104,655.55

\* Actual Expenditures as of date July 1, 1934.

# Balance of funds for completion of Project. The item of \$ 1,426.77 is provisional only and may be used to complete any work left unfinished by discontinuance or shut down of relief labor employments; it is anticipated that the sum shown in this item together with \$ 16,763.12 will be expended for materials for work to be done by relief labor for the advantage of Seattle Parks.

Any statement of actual employment of relief labor will have to be secured from the records of Work Relief, CWA and WERA. No doubt if records will show exact costs for the reason that incidental work at and near any particular project was expanded and amplified to include work not originally contemplated.

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MAR 15 1935  
PARK DEPARTMENT

March 17, 1939

Mr. Ken Syverson,  
Ken Syverson Ski School,  
c/o Mr. B. E. Lutterman,  
1710 Hoge Building,  
Seattle.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your request for permission to give ski lessons at the Seattle Park Department Ski Course at Snoqualmie Pass, kindly be advised that the Park Board yesterday granted this permission for the remainder of 1939 season, provided you handle your own reservations and tickets and that you secure a waiver of liability by including the names of The City of Seattle and the Seattle Park Board on all tickets. Also, your instructors will at all times be under the direct supervision of Mr. Ben Evans or his assistants while on the Ski Course.

Yours very truly,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

By 

Allen Erickson, Chief Clerk.

AE-MDP

CC Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Evans

(Zoo, continued)

Reference to the financial statement will show a total income of \$2005.30 which is derived principally from pony rides (\$1879.30, or \$176.10 over 1937) and \$126.00 from the breeding of various animals and the sale of various animals, and the sale of hides from slaughtered stock.

The pony rides are one of the most popular features in the park, and thousands of small children gain much pleasure from the rides, which cost five cents. To earn the amount realized in 1938, the ponies traveled around the four-hundred foot track 37,586 times.

116 animals were slaughtered and used for feeding the carnivorous animals, at an approximate value of about \$3550.00, and weighing 44,395 pounds dressed. This stock is secured from different sources, viz., the Humane Society and private individuals. Some of it is donated and the remainder of it is paid for at the rate of \$10.00 for horses and \$7.00 for cows.

120,179 pounds of produce, such as greens, vegetables and fruits, were donated, thus aiding materially in keeping down the expense of feeding, our only expense being the use of the zoo truck in hauling the feed.

Numerous very necessary improvements were made and many more are needed. The small amount allowed in the budget for this purpose was used for materials, the W. P. A. supplying labor.

The Zoological Gardens continue to grow in popularity and are visited by thousands of people who are interested in this year-round feature of the park system, not only as an amusement center but as a scientific and educational institution.

PLAYGROUNDS

Mr. Ben Evans, Director

In 1938 there were 46 playfields and 9 fieldhouses under the direction of the Park Board. The fieldhouses were operated on a full-time basis, from January to June and from October to January. 25 playgrounds were supervised by a force of trained leaders after school hours and on Saturdays, during the spring and fall and full time during the school vacation period. The overnight camp for boys and girls at O. O. Denny Park on Lake Washington was operated in the usual manner and about 1800 children enjoyed its facilities.

The Sails and Trails Club - Park Department young women's organization - enjoyed many pleasant week-end activities, which included a ski trip, the annual banquet, rhododendron hike, and other forms of healthful recreation.

The Ski Course at Snoqualmie Pass, operated by the Park Department, gains in popularity, and thousands of spectators as well as skiers visit the course each winter.

WEST SEATTLE ATHLETIC FIELD:

Approximately seventy acres of the West Seattle Golf and Recreation Area have been set aside for athletic purposes. A football field with the finest drainage of any field on the coast proved very popular with the West Seattle Commercial Club players, as well as several high school groups. Sixteen games

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Fieldhouses: (Double supervision)

Through the C. W. A., supervision has been extended in the fieldhouses and on the playgrounds, and the Playground Division has co-operated by directing a survey of all public and private agencies in King County, as to the extent of the recreational program that might be financed under Civil Works Service funds.

Mountain Camp:

The Snoqualmie National Forest Service has turned over for free lease a tract of land in the Snoqualmie National Forest, as a public skiing ground. The Civil Works Administration service has provided a crew of men to temporarily develop this area.

Green Lake:

The largest project completed by the Park Department during 1933 is the permanent improvement of over 6000 feet of shoreland on Green Lake. A complete automatic water system has been installed; all planting, grading and seeding have been completed. We have constructed a large wading pool and pond on the north shore of the lake. The automatic sprinkler system will greatly reduce the main tenance cost in future years.

Respectfully, submitted,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

By

Samuel Martin, President.

PARK DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES, 1939, Continued.

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(Playgrounds)

ITEM	EQUIPMENT	BETTERMENTS	SUPPLIES	PAYROLL	TOTAL
Lincoln	-	-	\$ 50.00	-	\$ 50.00
Lower Woodland	-	\$ 112.97	164.53	\$ 2563.47	2840.97
Madrona	\$ 8.91	2622.10	32.30	1249.40	4620.21
Magnolia (W.)	-	519.71	35.90	68.85	1124.46
Maple Leaf	-	-	53.50	1364.28	1417.78
Mercer	-	3302.01	35.29	761.51	4098.81
Miller	-	-	71.07	1994.94	2066.01
Montlake	-	885.43	539.78	4784.98	6210.19
Queen Anne	-	-	17.82	2249.13	2266.95
Rainier Beach	-	-	47.05	1914.41	1961.46
Rainier	-	-	131.13	3770.14	3901.27
Rainier Fieldhs.	-	-	1047.27	4221.68	5268.95
Ravenna	-	-	79.05	3257.85	3336.90
Rogers	-	-	53.01	1934.33	1987.34
Ross	-	-	23.60	1274.80	1298.40
Snoqualmie Ski	-	-	9.89	638.75	648.64
South Park	-	-	69.00	3773.81	3842.81
South Park Fieldhs.	-	-	646.76	3890.51	4537.27
South Seattle	-	1722.65	32.54	29.80	1784.99
University	-	-	37.85	2139.93	2177.78
Van Asselt	\$ 110.00	1776.88	98.41	681.73	2667.02
Wallingford	-	51.68	47.26	804.62	903.56
Washington	-	-	560.37	856.35	1416.72
West Queen Anne	-	5583.73	5.39	204.37	5793.49
West Seattle Recr.Area	-	373.25	117.97	2239.00	2730.22
Youngstown	-	142.48	243.26	2107.55	2493.29
<b>Total Playgrounds</b>	<b>\$1870.88</b>	<b>\$30097.00</b>	<b>\$20019.10</b>	<b>\$143199.18</b>	<b>\$195186.16</b>

Z O O:

\$ 453.97    \$ 462.69    \$ 8608.75    \$23012.00    \$32537.41

ART MUSEUM:

100.05    311.40    6371.53    5777.32    12560.30

Jackson Golf:

-    141.40    4316.82    20448.48    24906.70

Jefferson Golf:

912.95    -    2753.85    26676.48    30343.28

West Seattle Golf:

345.93    6447.37    109.85    -    6903.15

Music:

-    -    2500.00    -    2500.00

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KEN SYVERSON SKI SCHOOL

March 6, 1939

Mr. Ben Evans  
Seattle Park Board  
2334 - 4th Avenue  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

With reference to a Ski School at the Summit, Snoqualmie Pass on the Seattle Park Board Hill, it is my wish to furnish you with an instructor from my school to teach the fundamentals of skiing.

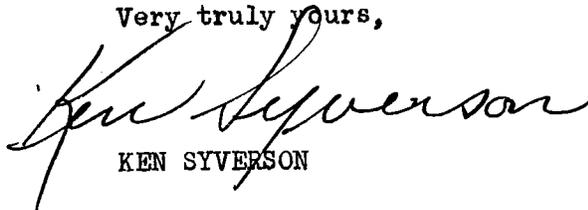
In doing this, I feel I cannot pay you anything for the use of the hill, but will give the caretaker of the hut 5% of all monies taken in for the handling and the sale of the Ski School tickets. It has always been my policy not to have the instructors handle any monies regarding the sale of tickets on the ski hill or otherwise.

I have been advised by my Attorney that under these conditions the Park Board will have ample protection under the present Waiver of Liability by including the "Seattle Park Board" name on the waiver. My Attorney is also sending you a letter to this effect. We have never in any of our classes had any sort of injury, and every precaution is taken to eliminate casualties.

In furnishing an instructor - or instructors - I wish to state that I will operate only as long as it will pay to hold classes. Also, at the present time, will not attempt to hold Saturday classes. The fee for classes will be the same as in my other schools, which is: \$1.25 for adults per person for a two-hour period and 75¢ per student for a two-hour period.

Hoping this meets with your approval, I am

Very truly yours,



KEN SYVERSON

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KEN SYVERSON SKI SCHOOL

March 6, 1939

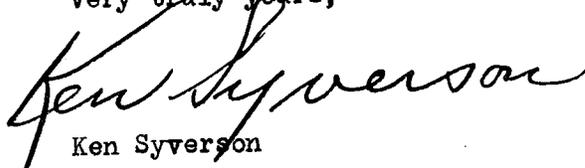
Mr. Ben Evans  
Seattle Park Board  
2334 - 4th Avenue  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed is copy of "Waiver of Liability for Minor"  
and copy of a Ski School Ticket which I neglected  
to enclose in my letter to you of yesterday.

The Ski School ticket is the one I use for adults.  
For students, I use the same ticket, colored green,  
accompanied by the "Waiver of Liability for Minor"  
to be signed by parent or guardian.

Very truly yours,

  
Ken Syverson

KS:cs  
Encs.

*Sample*  
**Ken Syverson Ski School**  
**SNOQUALMIE BOWL**  
*"Learn controlled skiing and insure greater safety and pleasure."*

**ONE DAY INSTRUCTION TICKET** No. **77**

**Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability:**  
I understand that skiing involves risk of personal injury. In accepting the skiing instruction covered by the correspondingly numbered ticket, I assume all risks of injury to my person or property and release Ken Syverson Ski School, Ben Paris Sporting Goods and Recreation Co., Inc., and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, and all skiing instructors from all liability for any accident or injury occurring during such instruction.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_ 193\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

**Ken Syverson Ski School**  
**SNOQUALMIE BOWL**  
*"Learn controlled skiing and insure greater safety and pleasure."*

**ONE DAY INSTRUCTION TICKET** No. **77**

This ticket entitles the undersigned to one 2-hour period of skiing instruction in accordance with and upon presentation of coupons attached hereto.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE TO HOLDER:**  
Unused portions of ticket cannot be refunded. Punctual appearance at all classes is necessary. Holder acknowledges that he has read and executed the assumption of risk and waiver of liability, copy of which is printed on the back hereof.

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_ 193\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

**I. ONE DAY COUPON** No. **77**

Good for one two-hour period at time designated by the school.  
**KEN SYVERSON SKI SCHOOL**  
**SNOQUALMIE BOWL**

# KEN SYVERSON SKI SCHOOL

## WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR MINOR

The undersigned, parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
who is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, consents to said minor's acceptance of skiing instruction from the Ken  
Syverson Ski School at Snoqualmie Bowl, and hereby releases Ben Paris Sporting Goods and Recreation Co.,  
Inc., and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, and all skiing instructors of said School from  
all liability for any accident or injury occurring to said minor during any such instruction.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Washington, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 193\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian)

Witnesses:

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S. W. BRETHORST  
THOS. M. ASKREN, 1934  
EDWARD B. PALMER, COUNSEL  
B. E. LUTTERMAN  
THOS. H. MAGUIRE  
F. T. ROSENQUIST  
CECIL H. SMITH

Palmer, Askren & Brethorst  
LAWYERS  
SUITE 1710 HOGE BUILDING  
Seattle

March 6, 1939

Seattle Park Board  
2334 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington

Attention, Mr. Evans

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Ken Syverson has talked with me concerning potential liability of himself and the Park Board for operating a ski school at the Summit.

I believe that, so far as adults are concerned, a waiver of liability which would include the Park Board would protect all parties concerned. This opinion is based upon a decision of our Supreme Court in Broderson v. Rainier National Park Co., 187 Wash. 399.

I also believe that a waiver signed by parents would be sufficient to avoid any liability for injuries to minors, so far as the parents are concerned. There is a question in my mind, however, as to the effectiveness of a waiver signed by a minor, so far as the injuries to him personally are concerned.

In any event, I believe that, since Mr. Syverson is operating the school as an independent contractor, and since the Park Board receives no revenue or other benefit therefrom, there would under no circumstances be any liability on the part of the Park Board.

Very sincerely,



B. E. Lutterman.

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Playfields: Number of children at O. O. Denny during 1934 season?? 1683

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~~XSKIX~~ SNOQUALMIE SKI PARK: Each winter skiing becomes more popular, and ~~skis~~ people of all ages seem to ~~take~~ <sup>derive</sup> extreme pleasure from this ~~health~~ unusual and health-giving pastime. We feel that the creation of the ski site at Snoqualmie Pass was a very timely thought, and the people of Seattle and the territory from which this ski site may be reached, <sup>readily</sup> owe a vote of thanks to the government for the permission granted to the Park Department to use the ~~site~~ ground for this purpose, as well as to the Board of Park Commissioners for their interest in the matter. The site ~~is~~ consists of a ~~thirty~~ acre tract turned over to the City of Seattle ~~by~~ the U. S. Forestry Service on a five-year lease grant for recreational purposes. C. W. A. ~~labor~~ labor constructed a building for the use of the people who frequent the ski course, and Park Department employees with the assistance of other interested citizens of Seattle donated spare time in ~~the~~ clearing ~~and preparing~~ the ground for use, preparatory to the work which was done by the C. W. A. ~~workers~~ workers.

NEW PLAYFIELD HOUSES: (Tommy) - marked 9121

The end of 1934 finds the two new fieldhouses of the Playground Division nearly completed, and the residents of the Montlake and Laurelhurst Districts are ~~awaiting~~ awaiting with enthusiastic interest the day that they may ~~be~~ be ready for occupancy. These fieldhouses are ~~designed~~ designated as "B" Type buildings, and will be used principally ~~for~~ by various organizations for meetings. They are very fine <sup>and</sup> a credit to the districts in which they are located. C. W. A. labor was employed in the construction, and they will be finished ~~with~~ by workers employed under the ~~new~~ Emergency Relief Administration, ~~which~~ (Another part of this report gives detail as to the cost, etc.)

and by help

and girls for indoor games, shelter, and showers.

The ~~large~~ main hall in each building is quite spacious and equipped with a <sup>large</sup> fireplace. There are complete kitchens, ~~and~~ storerooms, check rooms, and everything but gymnasiums. back

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GROSSCUP, MORROW & AMBLER

BENJAMIN S. GROSSCUP  
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

November 29, 1937

Board of Park Commissioners  
2334 - 4th Avenue  
Seattle, Washington

Attention Mr. Allen Erickson

Re: SNOQUALMIE SKI AREA

Gentlemen:

Your letter of November 23rd was received and immediately taken up with Mr. Griggs. I understand he at once got in touch with you and told you of the very serious illness of Mr. Jim Parker.

The requests made in your letter of November 23rd I understand are being carried out and are probably finished by this time. You can be sure that Ski Lifts, Inc., is anxious at all times to cooperate with the Park Board in every way.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

JA:A



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THE CITY OF SEATTLE  
LAW DEPARTMENT  
A. C. VAN SOELEN, Corporation Counsel

September 1, 1937.

RE: Ski-Lifts concession contract  
at Snoqualmie Pass:

Board of Park Commissioners  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

You have requested our approval as to form of a concession contract between the Ski-Lifts, Inc. and the Board of Park Commissioners for a ski-lift to be constructed in the Snoqualmie Recreational Tract. Such contract is, in our opinion, unobjectionable as to form; however, we offer the following suggestions for the protection of the City's interests.

(1) Following the word "insurance" in line five of paragraph VII of the proposed contract, the remainder of such paragraph should be altered to read as follows:

"same to include the City of Seattle and, if requested,  
the United States Forest Service."

(2) The first proviso beginning in line six of Paragraph IX of said proposed contract should be altered to read as follows:

"provided that this contract may be cancelled at the option of the Seattle Park Board upon ninety (90) days' written notice by said board if Ski-Lifts, Inc. should fail to satisfactorily perform its obligations hereunder, or it may be cancelled by mutual consent of the Seattle Park Board and Ski-Lifts, Inc.;"

(3) Ski-Lifts, Inc. should furnish to the Board the faithful performance bond as contemplated by Section 1159, et seq., Rem. Rev. Stat., conditioned that said corporation should faithfully perform all provisions of the contract as to clearing of land and erection of the proposed improvements, and pay all laborers, mechanics, subcontractors and materialmen, and all persons who shall supply such person or persons or subcontractors with provisions and supplies for the carrying on of the work to be performed by them, which bond should be filed with the City Clerk.

We return herewith the three copies of the proposed concession agreement and the Special Use Permit covering the Recreational Tract which accompanied your request.

Yours very truly,  
A. C. VAN SOELEN, Corporation Counsel,  
BY: (Signed) C. V. HOARD, Assistant

CVH:GMC  
ENCL.

August 25, 1937

Mr. A. C. Van Soelen,  
Corporation Counsel,  
Seattle.

Dear Sir:

The Ski Lifts, Inc., has submitted a tentative contract to the Board of Park Commissioners for the operation of a ski lift at the Snoqualmie Recreational Tract.

This contract was approved by the Park Board at their meeting today and referred to you for your approval as to form.

We are also enclosing our Special Use Permit covering the Snoqualmie Recreational Tract, and also wish to advise you that Mr. John C. Kuhns, representing the Forestry Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, was present at the Board meeting and verbally approved of this contract.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

By

Allen Erickson, Chief Clerk.

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3 copies  
sent  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST



ADDRESS REPLY TO  
FOREST SUPERVISOR  
AND REFER TO

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

July 16, 1937

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Uses, Snoqualmie  
Public Playground, 12-20-33  
City of Seattle, Park Dept.

Mr. Samuel Martin, President  
Seattle Park Board,  
Seattle, Washington

*See  
minutes  
7-27-37*

Dear Sir:

On July 15 I had a meeting with Mr. Evans and Mr. Parker held in Mr. Evans' office for the purpose of arriving at some conclusions relative to Mr. Parker's proposal to install a ski lift on the Park Board's special use area at Snoqualmie Pass.

Mr. Parker had originally taken up this matter with me and I had referred him to the Park Board inasmuch as the National Forest land on which he wished to install the ski lift was under special use permit issued to the City of Seattle Park Department, December 20, 1933.

There seemed to be some question in the minds of the members of the Park Board relative to the manner in which Mr. Parker's proposal would fit in the special use permit and I would like to clarify that point.

The Forest Service is interested in making it possible for the Park Board to provide the maximum public service in winter sports activities and is not interested in Mr. Parker's proposal except in so far as it might further the development of the special use area for public use. Mr. Parker is interested primarily in a commercial development which he hopes will return a profit to himself and his associates.

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to Mr. Parker  
8-2-37  
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Mr. S. M.

the Park Department could secure a new special use permit which would authorize the Park Department to grant a concession to Mr. Parker to operate his lift on a commercial basis. This might necessitate changing the special use permit so that a small charge would be made to the City by the Forest Service in the event that the Park Department profited financially as a result of the concession to Mr. Parker. \*

Another alternative would be for the Park Department to request that its special use permit be revised so as to exclude the area involved in the ski lift and to have the Forest Service issue a charge permit to Mr. Parker for special use of that particular portion of the area.

In the event that the Park Board feels that there is sufficient merit in Mr. Parker's proposal for a ski lift to warrant having one installed on the special use area, the simplest procedure and probably the best one, would be for the Park Department to handle this directly through the medium of a concession to Mr. Parker.

As I have heretofore stated, the Forest Service is desirous of doing anything which it can do legally to facilitate the maximum development of the winter sports area for public use and enjoyment and would welcome any suggestions which the Park Board might have relative to such objective.

In this connection I might add that the Forest Service is being criticized because of the lack of development of the special use area and I would like to call to your attention the fact that the City of Seattle has done very little as yet toward carrying out the original plan for development which I understood was to be put into effect as rapidly as possible by the Park Department.

For example, the warming house and the latrines are makeshift structures which were approved by the Forest Service representatives only until such time as it was demonstrated that the public use of the area required permanent structures.

Our experience over a period of three years has indicated that the buildings and the existing ski runs are inadequate and that the increasing public use will make it imperative that additional and better facilities be installed not only for skiing but also for the comfort of the skiers. Sanitary facilities always have been inadequate.

I realize that limitations of funds and the difficulty of using relief labor have made it difficult for the City to carry out all of the plans which were originally contemplated. On the other hand, the project has been started by the City, the public has made use of the

Mr. S. M.

area and undoubtedly will continue using it to such an extent that both the Park Department and the Forest Service will be subject to just criticism if no further action is taken to meet the public's needs.

I have diverged somewhat from the proposition brought up for your consideration but I sincerely hope that it will be possible for the Park Department to arrange for putting into effect a definite program for the development of the winter sports area even though only a portion of the proposed development can be completed each year.

I wish to assure you of my interest in your winter sports program and to express my desire to be of assistance to you in this worthwhile undertaking.

Very sincerely yours,

  
JOHN C. KUHN,  
Forest Supervisor

*for Mr. Parker*  
(8-12-37)

Excerpt from letter of U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Snoqualmie National Forest, re use of Ski Tract at Snoqualmie.

"July 16, 1937"

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# Snoqualmie Ski Course.

1-27-38

Meeting at Board Office.

Trip to pass 2-1-38 planned.

2-1-38

Trip to Pass. Both sites looked over. All agreed area across road from present area best for Jump.

Parties interested who made trip.

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ben Evans               | Park                        |
| C. Wende                | W.P.A. Engrs                |
| Pete Hostmark           | Seattle Ski Club            |
| F.W. Crawford           | Forest Sup                  |
| <del>Ben</del> Satterbo | " Ranger                    |
| Van Orsdale             | " Engr                      |
| Archie Phelps           |                             |
| Max Dressel             | Sect to Taylor Forest Engr. |

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Snoqualmie Ski Park



JANUARY 21, 1934  
1:00 P. M.

SNOQUALMIE PASS SUMMIT AREA

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SEATTLE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS:

SAMUEL MARTIN, President

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LAWRENCE ARNOLD

MRS. JAMES O. GALLAGHER

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

Mr. John C. Kuhns, Supervisor, Snoqualmie National Forest  
 Mr. B. G. Saterbo, District Ranger, Snoqualmie National Forest  
 Mr. Gilbert D. Brown, Supervisor, Wenatchee National Forest  
 Mr. A. M. Young, Chief Engineer, King County Civil Works Administration  
 Mr. W. G. Weigle, State Superintendent of Parks  
 Mr. L. V. Murrow, State Highway Engineer  
 Mr. George H. Shearer, District Highway Engineer  
 Mr. P. J. McKay, Highway Engineer, Snoqualmie Area  
 Mr. William Cole, Chief, State Highway Patrol  
 Mr. Loren Ray, District Highway Patrol  
 Dr. T. L. Bordsen, Location of site  
 Mr. E. R. Harris, Construction of buildings  
 Mr. W. J. Maxwell, Construction of ski area  
 Mr. H. V. Best, Snoqualmie National Forest Service

**PROGRAM**

- I. Assembly Signal
- II. Musical Selection - - - North End Community Band
- III. Flag Ceremony - - - Seattle Boy Scouts
- IV. Introductions - - Samuel Martin, President, Seattle Park Board
- V. Musical Selections by band
- VI. Dedication Address - - - Mayor John F. Dore
- VII. Ski Events - - - Members of Organized Ski Clubs

(a) Selection of Honorary Queen

Judges: Seattle Press representatives, assisted by ski club members

**MEMBER CLUBS OF SEATTLE SKI COUNCIL COOPERATING WITH PROGRAM COMMITTEE:**

REPRESENTATIVE	CLUB
Mr. H. Otto Giese	Seattle Ski Club
Mr. Paul Shorrock	Mountaineers
Mr. Carl Mahnken	Commonwealth Ski Club
Mr. Ed. Loners	Washington Alpine Club
Mr. Frank Bush	Y. M. C. A.
Mr. Ted Lewis	Boy Scouts
Mr. Wendell Trospen	Paradise Ski Club
Mr. Jack Hillyer	University Ski Club
Mr. Don Thomas	Kendall Peak Lodge
Mrs. Helen Bush	Bush School
Mr. Fred Thiem	Torvig Ski Club
Mr. Lowell Micklewait	Junior Chamber of Commerce

SKI EDITORS	PRESS
Mr. Ken Binns	Seattle Times
Mr. Chick Garrett	Seattle Star
Mr. Mike Donohoe	Seattle P. I.

**CONTESTANTS:**

NO.	NAME	CLUB
1.	Phyllis Ross	Bush School
2.	Ruth Brines	Commonwealth Ski Club
3.	Elizabeth Thomas	Kendall Peak Lodge
4.	Helen Spellar	Mountaineers
5.	Marguerite Strizek	Seattle Ski Club
6.	Gertrude Camp	Washington Alpine Club
7.	Rena Cox	University Ski Club

(b) Obstacle Event

(c) Flag Race

(d) Formation Skiing

(e) Ski Jump, Seattle Ski Club junior members

(f) Opening of ski hill to public, by Queen

(Ski events subject to weather conditions)

*for Mr. Parker*

(8-12-37)

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*C. W. A.*

December 13, 1933.

Mr. Wm. A. Gaines,  
City Purchasing Agent,  
Seattle.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly grant permission  
to us for one of our employees to purchase  
gasoline from a Standard Oil Service Station  
at North Bend while on special duty pertain-  
ing to the establishment of a mountain camp  
in Snoqualmie Pass?

Thanking you, we are,

Respectfully,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

By

Allen Erickson, Chief Clerk.

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Seattle parks, Sherwood files.

*Handwritten:* Hall ✓  
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**STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**Emergency Relief Administration**

**King County Division**

**1910 1/2 FOURTH AVE.**

**SENECA 1722**

*King County Welfare Board*

JOSEPH C. BLACK, *Chairman*

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MRS. HARRY M. ROBBINS

R. W. VINNEDGE

*Welfare Commissioner*

JOHN F. HALL

*Seattle, Washington*

April 26, 1934.

Mr. Samuel Martin, President  
Board of Park Commissioners,  
Department of Parks,  
Seattle.

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**PARK DEPARTMENT**

Dear Mr. Martin:

We have received your favors of April 24th applying for work operations at the SNOQUALMIE SKI PARK and on the SEAWALL IN FRONT OF THE ALKI BATH HOUSE.

We are very glad to have your application for this work.

As stated to you yesterday, our whole work program is still surrounded with so many uncertainties that we do not know very much about it as yet.

The work on the SKI PARK is contingent on our relief load in that district and we are unable to make any statement at this time as to when we might operate it. We would suggest that Mr Hall keep this matter before us or bring it up from time to time as our program develops.

The work along the ALKI BULKHEAD is near the center of a distress region and it is quite probable that we can ultimately take care of it.

At the present time, we regret greatly that we are not able to make commitments of any character. We will keep in close touch with Mr Hall so that he will be advised of the possibilities under our new work program.

Thanking you for your courteous offering of this work, we remain

Yours very truly,

WASHINGTON EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION  
DISTRICT NO. 2

*A. M. Young*  
A. M. Young  
District Engineer.

AMY:B

November 1, 1934

Mr. W. H. Musser,  
c/o Camp Mason,  
North Bend, Washington.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of October 30, 1934, making application for concession privilege at Snoqualmie Ski Park, and in reply wish to state that we have not as yet given the matter serious consideration. However, we shall be pleased to keep your letter on file and advise you later as to our decision.

Thanking you for your interest, we  
are,

Respectfully,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

By



For the Chief Clerk.

EBP



Seattle, Washington, October 30, 1934.

Honorable Board of Park Commissioners,  
City of Seattle,

Gentlemen:-

If your Honorable body is thinking of establishing a lunch room at the Snoqualmie Ski Club I should like to apply for the concession to operate such a lunch room.

I would be willing to pay a reasonable charge for the concession to operate on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays or other meeting days; or I would be willing to act as caretaker for the privilege of operating the lunch room.

I have been operating the boarding house for Taugaw and Olson who have had a logging camp at Granite Mountain, five miles west of Snoqualmie Pass summit, since March of this year.

Very respectfully,

*W. H. Musser*  
W. H. Musser,  
North Bend, Washington,  
Care Camp Mason.

*Acknowledged*  
*for [unclear]*

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PARK DEPARTMENT

November 13, 1934.

Mr. A. E. Young, D. E.,  
W. S. R. A.,  
Seattle.

Dear Sir: Attention Mr. W. H. Sullivan:

Last year, under the C. I. ., we felled the timber for several runways on the Snoqualmie Ski Track. Much of this material is still lying on the ground, the Park Department not having funds to clean up the debris. This work will have to be done before the first of the year, on account of snow conditions.

I would be glad to go over the matter with you or with whomever you assign ~~to~~ work *up* the project. We would like very much to start this project immediately, if possible.

Thanking you for your cooperation,  
we are,

Very truly yours,

W. C. Hall, Jr. Park Engineer,  
SEATTLE PARK DEPARTMENT.

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November 13, 1954.

Mr. L. F. Young, P. E.,  
W. C. E. Co.,  
Seattle.

Dear Sir: Attention Mr. E. F. Sullivan:

Last year, under the C. . . ., we felled the timber for several runways on the Snoqualmie Ski Track. Much of this material is still lying on the ground, the Park Department not having funds to clean up the debris. This work will have to be done before the first of the year, on account of snow conditions.

I would be glad to go over the matter with you or with whomever you assign the work at the project. We would like very much to start this project immediately, if possible.

Thanking you for your cooperation,  
we are,

Very truly yours,

E. C. Hall, Jr. Park Engineer,  
SEATTLE PARK DEPARTMENT.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

ECW REGION FOUR  
601 SHELDON BUILDING  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

May 1, 1937.

Park Department,  
City of Seattle,  
2334 4th Ave.,  
Seattle, Washington.

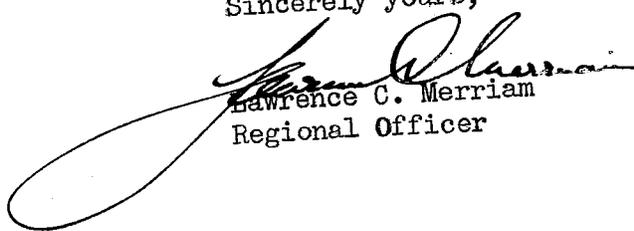
Attention Mr. W. C. Hall,  
Junior Park Engineer

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of April 27 re-  
garding the possibility of some assistance through the ECW  
or CCC program in connection with your ski course at  
Snoqualmie Pass. All assignments of CCC camps under the  
jurisdiction of this Service for the summer period have been  
made, and we do not believe that it would be feasible to  
establish an additional stub camp.

As this area is located on lands under the juris-  
diction of the U. S. Forest Service, it would seem that any  
arrangements for the CCC assistance should be made with that  
Service. It is recommended that you contact the local Forest  
Supervisor, or the Regional Forester of the U. S. Forest Ser-  
vice at Portland, Oregon. It is regretted that we are not in  
a position to assist you in this matter, and hope that you are  
able to secure the needed assistance from one of the Forest  
Service camps.

Sincerely yours,

  
Lawrence C. Merriam  
Regional Officer

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SEATTLE PARK DEPT.

April 27, 1937

Mr. L. C. Merriam, District Officer,  
National Park Service,  
Underwood Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago the Forestry Service of the United States granted this department permission to use a tract of land in Snoqualmie Pass (Washington - Section 4, T. 22 N., R. 11 EWM) for a Ski Course, and with the assistance of the Civil Works Administration, some improvement was made. However, there remains some clearing, drainage, and road work to be completed, and we were wondering if you could assist us with this by installing a C. C. C. Camp, or a branch of one of the nearby camps.

If it is possible to put in a project, we will send full details later.

Trusting you may find it feasible to render us this assistance, we are,

Respectfully,

SEATTLE PARK DEPARTMENT.

By

W. C. Hall,  
Junior Park Engineer.

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CC Mr. Ben Evans, Director of Playgrounds

October 20, 1936

Mr. Fred G. Guenther  
Director of P.W.A.  
Seattle, Washington

Attention Mr. Carey:

Dear Sir:

We would like to open the Snoqualmie ski park project for the duration of at least two weeks. We wish to install a water system, for drinking water only, and drainage for same. Also it will be necessary to fall several trees which are in the way on one of the ski courses, and to clean up the debris.

The Park Department will furnish the truck and all the material necessary for the project.

We would suggest that the men be taken from one of our local projects and transported to and from the Summit each day. If they could work eight or ten hours each day this would give them a working day at the ski park of about five or six hours.

The project will have to be started soon, before the beginning of the cold weather.

Awaiting your reply,

Yours truly,

W.C. Hall, Jr. Park Engineer  
Seattle Park Department

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST



ADDRESS REPLY TO  
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Public Playground  
12/20/33  
Snoqualmie

January 22, 1938

Mr. Ben Evans, Superintendent  
of Playgrounds  
Seattle Park Board  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Evens:

Reference is made to our telephone conversation of yesterday.

The assignment of a professional ski instructor to the ski area under special use to your organization at Snoqualmie Pass under the conditions outlined by you meets with the approval of this office and is permissible under the existing special use permit.

As explained by you, this ski instructor will give instructions at specified rates, the proceeds of this instruction going directly to him and the Park Board will receive no material financial benefit.

When final arrangements are made for the assignment of this instructor, I would appreciate being advised the hourly rates which will be charged for instruction.

Very truly yours,

R. W. CRAWFORD  
Forest Supervisor

*Approved by  
David  
1/27/38*

*Hurley De Rooin*

1220 St. Paul Ave.  
Tacoma, Washington  
April 27, 1938

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Seattle Park Board  
City of Seattle  
Seattle, Washington

SEATTLE PARK DEPT.

Dear Sirs,

Ski Lifts Inc. wishes to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Ben Evans and the members of the Seattle Park Board for their cooperation during the past skiing season in connection with the operation of the ski lift at Snoqualmie Pass.

We are very pleased with the favorable reaction that has been evidenced by the skiers at this playground and are satisfied that the use of the tow has contributed greatly to the increased pleasure of skiing as well as to the further development of the sport.

Although the ski lift was a new idea in this vicinity this year, it did not take skiers long to appreciate its benefits. When we first started operation in January the lift was patronized by only about 15% of the skiers on the hill. The acceptance for the lift increased throughout the season until at the close of the season approximately 75% of the skiers were accustomed to taking advantage of the lift.

We started operating the tow on January 1st and continued each Saturday and Sunday until the closing date April 17th. During this time almost 3000 people took rides. Some of these customers would average between 50 and 70 rides per day so that approximately 100,000 rides were given in all. Since the machinery and equipment in connection with the lift was expensive to install, we are satisfied in netting a sufficient profit during the season to pay for approximately one-third of the original investment.

We believe, because of location and accessibility, that the Snoqualmie area is an ideal district for Seattle skiers. Further development of this playground would prove an immeasurable benefit to Seattle. We hope that we may continue to have the opportunity to be of service to the Park Board and we would be very glad to cooperate in any future development of their winter playground.

Yours very truly,

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March 19, 1954

Mr. Conrad Wirth,  
Director, National Park Service,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Connie:

The interest and participation in skiing in the Seattle Area has progressed to the point that the now established ski runs are over-crowded and facilities inadequate. The need and demand for better opportunities for skiing are really terrific.

I have conferred with Superintendent Macy on this subject, and found him alert to the possibilities of expanding the ski run facilities at Mt. Rainier. I have suggested to my Board of Park Commissioners that they authorize me to arrange for an exploratory conference between the Mt. Rainier and this department's staffs, with possibly the State Highway and State Parks and local interests participating, to determine the feasibility of inaugurating a joint Seattle Park Department-Mt. Rainier program of ski instruction and ski school.

The prime purpose of this communication, therefore, is to ask you to authorize and encourage President Macy to attend such a conference with his planners.

We would hope, of course, that we might have a statement from you, indicating ambitions to secure appropriations adequate to finance suitable ski tows, warming shelters, etc., that would assure the success of the project.

From the Governor we would hope to obtain an indication of his interest in assisting in keeping the highways open to the Mt. Rainier ski runs; and from the local committees we would hope to obtain assurances that they are ready and happy to forgive the National Park Service for their past ultra-conservative conservation policies and niggardly developments, recognizing in this new gesture of yours that your "welcome mat" is awaiting them at the ranger station.

Perhaps you would authorize Red Hill and some other of your more forward-looking gentlemen from San Francisco or Washington to attend and support Superintendent Macy.

We were sorry that you had to miss the Great Lakes Institute, where I had hoped to discuss the Seattle situation with you, but, frankly, Ben Thompson read your address—which was a good one (your ghost writers are improving)—as well, or better, than you might have done, had I got to you first.

With very best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

PVB-EBP

Paul V. Brown,  
Superintendent of Parks