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No. 94437-7

Court of Appeals No. 48423-4-II

(Thurston County Superior Court Cause No. 15-2-00527-5)

JOHN ROSKELLEY, FAYETTE KRAUSE, SPOKANE AUDUBON SOCIETY, SPOKANE MOUNTAINEERS, AND THE LANDS COUNCIL,

Petitioners,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AND MT. SPOKANE 2000,

Respondents.

DECLARATION OF NATHAN G. SMITH RE MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

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- 1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify to the matters herein.
 - 2. I am one of the attorneys of record for Mt. Spokane 2000.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a true and correct copy of the Declaration of John Nelson Re: Motion for Injunctive Relief previously prepared in response to the Lands Council's injunctive relief request made to the Court of Appeals, Division II, in the matter of *Roskelley, et al. v. Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission*, Case No. 48423-4-II.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at Spokane, Washington this day of July, 2017.

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I CERTIFY that I served a copy of this document on all parties or their counsel of record on the date below as follows:

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EXHIBIT A DECLARATION OF JOHN NELSON RE MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

COURT OF APPEALS, DIVISION II OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

JOHN ROSKELLEY, FAYETTE KRAUSE, SPOKANE AUDUBON SOCIETY, SPOKANE MOUNTAINEERS, AND THE LANDS COUNCIL, No. 48423-4-II

DECLARATION OF JOHN NELSON RE: MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Appellants,

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WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AND MT. SPOKANE 2000,

Respondents.

I, John Nelson, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify to the matters herein.
- 2. I am the Patrol Director for the Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol ("Ski Patrol"). I have been a member of the Ski Patrol and National Ski Patrol for 24 years. Over the years, I have skied on nearly every "duty shift" that the Ski Patrol has operated, including weekdays, weekends, and nights.
- 3. The Ski Patrol trains, supports, and manages 135 volunteers who provide emergency first aid and transport to customers of the Mt. Spokane

Ski & Snowboard Park operated by Mt. Spokane 2000 ("MS2000"). The Ski Patrol has a long documented history of supporting Mt. Spokane State Park. It constructed Mt. Spokane State Park's first aid facility and donated it to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. It has provided almost \$250,000 in upgrades to the facility recently.

- 4. The scope of the Ski Patrol's services include more than just providing first aid and mountain transport to guests within the maintained ski facility boundary. The Ski Patrol also provides search and rescue services for customers who get lost or hurt on the "backside," an area within Mt. Spokane State Park, but beyond the ski facility's current maintained boundaries. I understand that this area is commonly referred to as the Potential Alpine Ski Expansion Area ("PASEA").
- 5. The Ski Patrol has long supported MS2000's efforts to expand the facility into the PASEA as it provides an expanded and enhanced resource for the community's skiing and snowboarding public.
- 6. Beyond the enhancement of the facility, there is a much more pragmatic reason for the Ski Patrol's support of the expansion: Clearly, and indisputably, more and more people are venturing beyond MS2000's operating area and into the PASEA. As a consequence, the Ski Patrol is seeing a dramatic increase in the number of searches and rescues we are called upon to conduct in the PASEA.

- 7. When I first joined the Ski Patrol in 1991, we would see two or three "backside" searches or rescues a year. By contrast, we have already had over 30 *documented* searches to date in the 2015 to 2016 season, with over two months to go. This increase in the number of searches and rescues we are asked to conduct puts the members of the Ski Patrol (and hence their families) at great risk. The efforts of the Ski Patrol help reduce the potential for injury or loss of life for those venturing into the "backside," but the efforts only go so far to mitigate this potential.
- 8. As Director of the Ski Patrol, I feel a sense of responsibility for the safety and welfare of the Members we ask to conduct search and rescue activity in the PASEA. I strongly believe, and the Ski Patrol leadership supports the position, that the expansion of Mt. Spokane Ski & Snowboard Park as approved by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission can greatly reduce the potential for injury or loss of life in this increasingly utilized area.
- 9. The continued delay of MS2000 by the Appellants in this case subjects both the customers of Mt. Spokane Ski & Snowboard Park and the members of the Ski Patrol to unnecessary heightened risk which can be significantly reduced by allowing MS2000 to proceed with the expansion as soon as practicable.

Signed at Spokane, Washington this _____ day of February, 2016.

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