

Tommi Tyndall Nomination

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MT. HOOD MEADOWS

I have not had the pleasure of skiing Mt. Hood Meadows but hope to do so next year. I have been very impressed about what they are doing to protect the legacy of their resort.

Mt. Hood Meadows embraces the principles of sustainable operations and development and continuously strives to take steps to become more sustainable. Consequently, Mt. Hood Meadows has established the following sustainability measures.

There is a myriad of innovative ways they are minimizing their energy consumption, including installation of energy efficient and motion-sensor activated lighting, Energy Star rated appliances and an energy management system throughout the resort.

Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort has taken several steps to reduce their water footprint, restore area wetlands, control erosion via storm water and snowmelt runoff management systems, and through native seed collection and re-vegetation.

They have worked toward minimizing their water footprint by installing low-flow toilets as well as energy/water efficient appliances (including waterless urinals), which alone save a minimum of 285,000 gallons annually.

They have a "Know Idling" policy instead of "NO!" idling to encourage responsible and appropriate idling that varies by vehicle and equipment. They promote public transportation options, provide free bus transportation for seasonal staff and are proud to share that their guests have a rate of public transit usage double of most ski resorts in the United States.

Mt. Hood Meadows is a founding partner with SkiGreen, Bonneville Environmental Foundation's program to offset carbon emissions from vehicle travel. The program offers a simple, affordable way for guests to offset the carbon footprint of their travel to and from the mountain.

Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort has taken many steps to minimize the environmental impact of food service facilities and restaurants, including sourcing many items from vendors who offer locally produced, natural products.

They are working hard to reduce the use of disposable food service products in favor of china/flatware/linens, minimizing the impact of deliveries with bulk purchases and wherever disposables are offering biodegradable and compostable cups and tableware from rapidly renewable resources.

Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort has two LEED certified buildings including the Emergency Services (Gold) and the Ski Patrol Headquarters (Silver). This investment demonstrates their continued commitment to minimize their impact on the mountain.



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