

Teton County Search and Rescue
300 South Batch Plant Rd
Jackson, WY 83001



September 4, 2020

International Commission of Alpine Rescue (ICAR)
Executive Board

Dear Franz and members of the ICAR board,

Representing the Teton County Search and Rescue team located in Teton County, WY, USA we write to you today to endorse Stephanie Thomas, a team member and leader of our community, for the position of ICAR Avalanche President.

Stephanie has been a volunteer member of our team since 2007 and has been participating in training and rescues throughout our valley since that time. Our focus in Teton County, WY ranges from avalanche rescue, lost persons, cave rescue, swiftwater, high angle rescue, downed aircraft and much more. On average our team sees 80-100 missions per year, all responded to by our volunteer team.

Stephanie encouraged our team in 2015 to join ICAR and has been active in the organization since we became members. Her leadership has pushed our team to become highly active throughout ICAR commissions contributing to the annual congress through presentations at the avalanche and terrestrial commissions and being active in committees throughout ICAR>

Stephanie's most highly regarded skills and ones that will highly contribute to be an effective leader of the avalanche commission include leadership, collaboration and determination. Since 2010, Stephanie has led our foundation to support our SAR volunteers 100%. In 2010, she led a group of board members to raise funds to build us our first SAR building. She has helped secure an 8-month SAR dedicated helicopter contract. She continues to work relentlessly to supply our volunteers with the uniforms, personal safety equipment, gear, training and opportunities for our team to grow.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. In the meantime, Teton County Search and Rescue supports her candidacy for the role of ICAR Avalanche President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cody Lockhart". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Cody Lockhart
Chief Advisor
Teton County Search and Rescue
