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AMC volunteers are truly an inspiration! Thank you for your dedication to AMC through this challenging time, helping our community adapt and excel, and for looking ahead to the future as we seek to further AMC's mission of fostering the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of the outdoors.

It has been a challenging year, but you have been amazing. Hundreds of volunteers have been actively following new safety protocols to repair trails, lead trips, assist at the lodges and huts, teach programs and trainings, maintain facilities, and promote AMC's stewardship efforts. Volunteers also made the leap from in-person to virtual, converting training and other content to online formats so that we can continue to reach members and nonmembers with opportunities to learn about AMC and being outdoors. Thank you for your service!

Still, many other volunteers have spent and continue to spend hours planning and managing trips and events that ultimately get canceled or delayed due to the pandemic. Thank you for managing both the uncertainties of trip planning and the expectations of participants in an ever-changing landscape. Your hard work has been a bright spot across the organization in a tough year.

We also acknowledge the hundreds of volunteers who have been unable to or chose not to volunteer in-person. We honor your decision to stay home and stay local. We look forward to seeing you again when you feel safe traveling and participating in activities. Thank you for taking care of yourself, your family, and your local community! Your continued engagement with AMC is tremendous and heartwarming. We're thrilled with the level of in-person volunteering across the AMC region as well as your remote participation in BeOnlineWithAMC virtual activities, online committee meetings, community science projects, and advocacy through our Conservation Action Network.

Volunteer support of AMC's mission is critical and we are incredibly appreciative -- we could not do this without you. For all the ways that you're contributing to the AMC community, through direct volunteering or behind the scenes support, thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Judge".

John Judge
President & CEO