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Zachary Hall Joins the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation as Biathlon Manager at Soldier Hollow Nordic Center

December 19, 2016 (Park City, UT) – Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation announces the hiring of Zachary Hall as Biathlon Manager at Soldier Hollow Nordic Center. Zach began in his role earlier this month.

“We are very fortunate to have someone with the caliber of experience that Zach brings,” said Marc Norman, Vice President of Sport and Venues, “His experience as a competitor in Biathlon and in developing Biathlon programs will contribute greatly to growing Biathlon in the state and nationally.”

Developing a Biathlon program was a key goal upon integrating Soldier Hollow Nordic Center into the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation. In an effort to further position Utah as a premier Olympic winter sport training and event destination, the foundation targeted Biathlon in addition to Cross Country at Soldier Hollow.

In coordination with USA Biathlon and the International Biathlon Union, Soldier Hollow has invested in infrastructure improvements to bring the venue back to world class standards allowing it to host World Cup and World Championship events in the future. These improvements include a new tunnel, timing and scoring updates, and range upgrades.

“We’ve begun our efforts in updating the Biathlon facilities, and bringing Zach on to develop a Biathlon program was the next step,” said Stuart Ashe, Soldier Hollow general manager.

Zachary Hall brings with him both biathlon athletic experience and program development. Hall attended Dartmouth College, where, after a medical red shirt his first year, he skied for 4 years as a varsity team member. His senior year (2007), Dartmouth captured the NCAA Championship title for the first time in over 35 years.

After graduating with a degree in Psychology & Brain Sciences, Zach was recruited to join the US Biathlon Development Team. He quickly rose to the National Team and altogether trained and competed in biathlon for 4 years. Over the course of his biathlon career, Zach raced in several IBU and World Cup races and was the alternate for the 2010 Olympic Team & 2011 World Championship Team.

Upon retiring from competition in 2011, Zach returned to Alaska to work and got involved with biathlon across the state. Together with Olympian Lars Flora, Zach helped grow the NANANordic and Skiku programs and developed an Anchorage-based competitive youth biathlon team. Hall also served as the Biathlon coordinator and head coach for Team Alaska's ski and snowshoe biathlon teams for the 2014 and 2016 Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks, Alaska and Nuuk, Greenland.

“I'm excited to work with the Soldier Hollow and Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation team to grow Biathlon,” said Hall.

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About Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation

The Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation is a Utah nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization responsible for managing and maintaining world-class facilities and providing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate and excel in winter sport. Inspired by the success and momentum of the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games – considered by many the most successful Winter Games ever staged – the Foundation has placed a focus on embracing, engaging and involving Utah's youth in winter sport. The Foundation supports national sport organizations and community recreational winter sport programs, as well as subsidizes the operation of three Olympic venues: Utah Olympic Oval, Utah Olympic Park, and Soldier Hollow. For more information, please visit UtahOlympicLegacy.org or call 435-658-4200.

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