



**Valley House Chair Lift Replacement
Project Description
March 25, 2015**

Introduction:

Summit Ventures NE, LLC (dba Sugarbush Resort) seeks approval to replace the existing Valley House chair lift located at Lincoln Peak in Warren, Vermont. The project site is located on both privately owned land (owned by Summit Ventures NE, LLC) and public land owned by the U.S. Forest Service and operated by Summit Ventures NE, LLC under Special Use Permit (Ref. FSM 2710) issued September 28, 2001.

The existing lift is a fixed grip double with a passenger capacity of 748 people/hour. The proposed lift is a fixed grip quad with a passenger capacity of 1853 people/hour. The existing chair lift was installed in the 1960s and received limited upgrades in 1989.

Project components include:

- Removal of the existing lift, towers, top and bottom terminals, operator buildings and associated infrastructure,
- Insulation of a new chair lift including towers, operator buildings, and associated infrastructure,
- Relocation and installation of a new top terminal,
- Relocation and installation of a new bottom terminal,
- Limited tree removal along the existing trail edge,
- Removal of the existing Mountain Operations building,
- Replacement of the Mountain Water Company surface water treatment plant building, along with
- Associated site and project grading.

Anticipated construction for this project is projected to run from mid April to mid November 2015.

No changes to sewer, water or snowmaking capacities are required for this project.

The purpose of the project is to provide:

- Upgraded and current equipment, and
- Improved skier circulation at the base area of Lincoln Peak.