

Kirsten Sultan
Act 250 Coordinator
St. Johnsbury, VT

Dear Kristen,

Enclosed and attached is the Act 250 application for the Burke Mountain Ski area's replacement of the 60 year old Poma Lift with a new T- Bar lift.

This project consists of removal of the existing Poma and installation of the T- bar in a lift line area that approximates the existing lift line of the Poma. Some tree clearing and earth grading will be necessary, but limited in scope and will be immediately revegetated once construction is completed. Stabilization will occur daily. Note maps of project.

The operational value of this project is to better transport guests and race athletes to the Warrens Way training slope, currently adjacent to the Poma lift. Over the last 20 years, the Poma lift has lost capacity and effectiveness and no longer serves the needs of racers and coaches. It is no longer used by non-racer guest due to dependability concerns.

This new T-Bar will return uphill capacity to a competition level and allow for the proper lift support of the Burke Mountain Academy and Burke Mountain Resort competition programs. General public usage will once again be possible.

There will be little to no impact on the majority of Act 250 criteria, because this is largely a replacement of a lift whose useful and safe life has been expended.

At the top of Warrens Way trail the snowmaking pipe will be moved 50 feet to the west. This section of pipe will be at the top 250 feet of the trail and is noted on the site map. It is being moved to the west to compensate for the trail width reduction caused by the top lift terminal projecting onto the eastern edge of Warrens Way by approximately 50 feet.

It is important to keep the trail width of Warrens Way consistent top to bottom to retain International Ski Federation trail certification.

The benefit to the Resort, BMA and the Community will be the creation of a safer, more modern lift vehicle servicing a training slope condition that can be more efficiently created and maintained.

This project is part of an ongoing effort to revitalize Burke Mountain and transition it into a full service resort capitalizing on its world class ski racing and training facilities and relationship with BMA and the US Ski Team.

I look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Bill Stenger
On Behalf of BMA and Burke Mountain Resort