

SECTION 5. NOISE:

A. Developments Producing a Minor Noise Impact:

4. Other Developments: This project is primarily a Ski Resort, operating from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm for skier access. Grooming and snowmaking are accomplished during overnight hours.
 - a. Type, Source, and Location of Noise: The proposed new ski lift generates some noise, but no more than the current lifts. Snowmaking creates some noise, but no more than is currently happening on the mountain. None of this new terrain or the new lift are outside the bounds of the current ski resort. In fact, this project is essentially an in-fill project.
 - b. Uses, zoning, and plans. This project is in the Planned Development District of Carrabassett Valley. This is a district has the expressed purpose:
“The purpose of the planned development district is to provide for carefully planned development that integrates high density residential, recreational, commercial, municipal and institutional uses to create a mixed use, on-mountain, recreational community. The district is intended to encompass lands that are served by central sewerage and water supply and are central to the variety of activities and services near Sugarloaf Mountain.”

Within the Carrabassett Valley Zoning Ordinance there is no explicit limitation to noise generation by noise level or decibels.
 - c. Protected Locations. The Appalachian Trail is the only known protected location in the vicinity of the project. Sugarloaf and the AT have coexisted for decades.
 - d. Minor nature of impact. Ski lifts, snowmaking, and grooming all generate some noise. But all are currently happening on mountain and are an expected noise component within the confines of a ski resort.
 - e. Demonstration. A sound metering demonstration is unnecessary. As stated above, all these new noise sources currently exist on mountain, literally on all side of this currently proposed project. Due to the spacing of minor noise generators such as lifts and equipment, it is not anticipated that the infill development will create a cumulative noise increase.

B. Developments Potentially Producing a Major Noise Impact:

Not Applicable