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May 5, 2015 (East Burke, VT)- Q Burke Mountain Resort today announced a more than \$1 million snowmaking expansion that will come on line for the 2015-16 winter season. The project is slated to begin this month and involves the installation of 20 state-of-the-art energy efficient fan guns, as well as the construction of a new summit booster pump station. The new fan guns will be placed on the resort's FIS Race Trail.

"This is the first phase of a three-phase snowmaking expansion and upgrade. It's an important step forward for the resort, said Ary Quiros, president and CEO of Q Burke Mountain Resort. "It will allow us to open our competition slope earlier and in a more complete manner."

The FIS training hill is one of the resort's most famous trails and has hosted many international competitions. In addition to the fan gun improvements, a new booster pump station is being constructed. The pump system will allow more water distribution on the upper mountain, which will mean more trails can be opened earlier from the summit.

"This new pump station will ensure more trails will be open earlier in a typical season, which is good news for our season pass holders and guests of the Q Burke Hotel and Conference Center," said Bill Stenger, general partner of the new facility that is scheduled to open this December.

The existing energy-efficient HKD tower guns currently on the FIS Race Trail will be relocated to other high-traffic areas on the upper mountain.

"Our skiers and riders will appreciate this first phase as it will allow us to open earlier and with more terrain," said Quiros.

Work will begin on the \$1.1 million project this month and is scheduled to be operational by early November to take advantage of early-season snowmaking weather. The resort's goal is to be open for skiing and riding by Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>, the day after Thanksgiving.