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Ms. Shirley J. Strong The Green Mountain Club, Inc. 46 Colchester Avenue Burlington, Vermont 05401

Dear Shirley:

In regard to your letter of June 28 concerning a ruling from the Environmental Board on whether relocation of trails by the Green Mountain Club above the elevation of 2,500 feet would require a permit under 10 VSA Chapter 151, the Board had a meeting on July 12 and voted unanimously that such relocation or any other significant improvements above that elevation would require a land use permit. It is the Board's feeling that practically anything above 2,500 feet requires a permit unless it does not constitute a significant change to an existing development, such as a minor relocation of a trail.

In the instances where your club feels such a change is insignificant, it is the Board's recommendation that you contact in writing the District Environmental Commission wherein the project lies and ask them whether a permit would be required.

I apologize for the delay in getting your Board ruling, and if I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

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ROBERT S. BABCOCK, JR. Executive Officer Vermont Environmental Board

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cc: Curtis Carter, Coordinator, District Environmental Commission #1, c/o Rutland Regional Planning Commission, 12 Wales Street, Rutland