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# Changes make Sugarbush a resort for all seasons

With the new Lincoln Peak Village, outdoor amenities aren't all on the slopes.

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WARREN, Vt. — Three typical Vermont-style “barns” stand in the shadow of a mountain overlooking the Mad River Valley. One has overhanging eaves, rough-hewn timbers, and big sliding doors. Another is shaped like a horse-shoe with a fieldstone base and a silo. The third is a round post-and-beam structure with a conical roof topped by a cupola. All blend perfectly with the rural Vermont landscape.

Instead of storing livestock or grain, these barns house skiers, snowboarders, and fine cuisine. They're part of Sugarbush Resort's new \$60 million Lincoln Peak Village, which opened last month and includes a lodge (the Gate House), a fine-dining restaurant (Timbers), and a building with 61 luxury condo units (Clay Brook).

“Our concept is to really develop a community here,” says Win Smith, the resort's president.

The new buildings are part of a multiphase development project that, over the next several years, will add slope-side accommodations and a guest services center for ticket sales, day care, rentals, and the Adventure Learning Center. Eventually, Lincoln Peak will connect with the old Sugarbush Village to create a new mountain community.

“When Timbers went up, it was like a barn-raising,” says JJ Toland, Sugarbush's communications director. “They lifted up the frame and there were people everywhere pounding it into place with rubber mallets and wooden pegs.”

“You should have seen the line of cars parked along the road” during construction, adds Susan Hansen, a local resident

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