



****Subject: Update on PFAS Remediation Efforts at Mountainside Resort at Stowe****

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Dear Mountainside Whole Owners,

I am writing to provide you with some updates on the PFAS water situation at the resort.

As most of you are aware, there was an emergency board meeting on June 20, 2024, to address the PFAS levels in the water at Mountainside Resort at Stowe. The board has decided to proceed with a pilot study approach using state-approved resources to correct the water issue and ensure compliance with PFAS standards in both the short and long term. Below, we outline the plan that we have developed in conjunction with our property managers, Lemonjuice Solutions. We are working with both MSK engineering, who are the state approved engineering firm. Our existing water quality vendor, Clearwater Filtration will be working closely with MSK engineering as we navigate this process.

Of note, I do want to share with owners that the resort conducted an “off-cycle test” on June 18 and the total PFAS levels were below 20, 17.7 to be precise. I share this in the hope that it might provide some peace of mind for owners but want to stress that it does not absolve us from the previous higher readings and the do not drink orders remain in place for the time being.

PFAS remediation plan

MSK Engineers will submit to the state:

- a. The board’s approval to participate in a pilot program; this is viewed as a request and the state must approve for us to participate. We hope to receive approval in a few weeks.
 - b. In parallel, MSK has been familiarized with Mountainside Resort at Stowe, and has been working with the resort’s water company responsible for the testing, and is reaching out to vendors.
2. Once the state has approved Mountainside’s participation, MSK will develop a customized plan for MRAS.
- a. MSK is currently engaged with multiple vendors to review the current water treatment center and determining what they can design properly to support Mountainside both short and long term. The evaluation is taking into consideration that the EPA may require even lower PFAS thresholds in the future.
 - b. MSK must detail the vendor(s) selected, write the proposed improvement plans, and handle the step-by-step approvals so that the plan passes each phase the state requires.

- c. This completed plan will be submitted to the state of Vermont for approvals.
- d. Once the State approves, the board will approve the expenditures and implementation.

Implementation of the Pilot Program Plan:

1. While MSK is working through the engineering plan for long term; the pilot program will allow installation of Small-Scale PFAS Treatment Systems. Two of these treatment systems will be installed to produce sufficient water for the whole resort, potentially lifting the Do Not Drink order.
 - a. The goal is for the small scale treatment systems to be installed in 2-3 months. Lemonjuice and Mountainside Resort will share information with all owners as quickly as possible and will also provide monthly updates to owners on progress.
2. Evaluation of Permanent PFAS solution:
 - a. In parallel with the approved pilot study, MSK will evaluate the most cost-effective long-term solution to the PFAS issue: The goal is to select a system compatible with the resorts existing water infrastructure. It is challenging at this time to estimate timing due to the volume of workload for both the state of Vermont as well as MSK but the goal is to have a permanent solution in approximately 8 months.

Budget + Funding

1. The program is estimated to cost (but not exceed) approximately \$200,000
2. As part of their efforts, MSK will submit a request for grant funding to the state of Vermont to attempt to get some of these expenditures covered.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this process. We will continue to update owners regularly. We will provide updates via the website and through email.

Best regards,

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Board President

Mountainside Resort at Stowe