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Engelbreth Construction makes milestone with Spruce Camp Lodge

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Engelberth Construction, Inc. of Colchester marked a major milestone at the end of February on the new Spruce Camp Base Lodge at Spruce Peak. Over the course of the winter, the future base lodge that will serve as Stowe Mountain Resort's primary source for skier services rose out from underneath the heavy snows as crews began erecting the main timber trusses of the 80-ft. clear span octagon timber frame.

Crews began setting the Douglas-fir heavy timber roof trusses on February 21. While the temperature was four degrees, the skies were blue with minimal wind, allowing for crews to work safely and efficiently. Two cranes were utilized during the setting of the trusses, as well as a combination of four scissor/boom lifts. The operation involved 22 people throughout the day.

Tim Engelberth, project manager for Engelberth Const. said, "The truss erection could not have been achieved without the determination and dedication of our crews and subcontractors who met our weekly milestones. During January and early February, tasks such as shoveling snow off the ground and metal decks, moving blankets to protect footing pours, and building tents and enclosures for wall and slab pours, all were critical activities that insured that the structure was ready to accept the trusses."

The Spruce Camp Base Lodge will include restaurants, a bar and lounge, indoor and outdoor fireplaces, rental and repair shops, retail, tickets, and year-round conference and event space. The building is located adjacent to the "Over Easy" gondola, providing access to the slopes of both Spruce and Mount Mansfield. The opening date for the new Base Lodge is next ski season.

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