## AGREEMENT REGARDING EASEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN

## VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF SNOW TRAVELERS INC.

## AND

## VERMONT SNOW TRAILS CONSERVANCY/CHARITABLE TRUST, INCORPORATE

- WHEREAS: The Vermont Association of Snow Travelers Inc. (VAST) (hereinafter "VAST") is a Vermont Domestic Non-profit Corporation responsible for the sport of snowmobiling in Vermont, and has been granted certain responsibilities, powers and authority by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources for certain trails, paths, easements, and right-of-ways under Title 10, Section 444(3); and
- WHEREAS: The Vermont Snow Trails Conservancy/Charitable Trust, Incorporate (hereinafter "Conservancy") is a Vermont Domestic Nonprofit Corporation established to protect and preserve lands for snowmobile use in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS: Title 10, Section 448 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated states that "No Public or private owner of land which is part of the Vermont Trails System shall be liable for any property damage or personal injury sustained by any person using these trails unless the public or private owner intentionally inflicts the damage or injury"; and
- WHEREAS: The Agency of Natural Resources has recognized the Statewide Snowmobile Trail System (hereinafter "SSTS") is part of the Vermont Trails System pursuant to 10 V.S.A § 443; and
- WHEREAS: Conservancy will be acquiring easements upon and across lands both public and private for the purpose of promoting the conservation and preservation of property with the objective of establishing and maintaining winter recreational snow trails for use by the public; and
- WHEREAS: The beneficial use of any easements acquired and held by Conservancy will be made available to VAST and its members to be used as part of the SSTS; and
- WHEREAS: Both VAST and the Conservancy wish to provide that the protection provided under Chapter 20 of Title 10 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated to owners of lands upon and across which easements are granted as part of the SSTS will equally apply as a matter of public

policy and in furtherance of the mission statements of both VAST and the Conservancy to owners of lands who provide easements to the Conservancy to be used for outdoor winter recreation including use by VAST and its members.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties to this agreement, VAST, by and through its Executive Director, Cindy Locke, after approval by the VAST Board of Directors, and the Conservancy, by and through the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, James Hill, upon approval of the Trustees, hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Any easement acquired by the Conservancy for the purpose of establishing and maintaining winter recreational snow trails for use by the public shall be subject to a covenant that all beneficial rights to use of said easements shall be made available to VAST and its members to be used as part of the SSTS, and therefore a part of the Vermont Trails System; and
- 2. VAST shall include any easements acquired by the Conservancy for snowmobile use and access in any maps, details, or descriptions of the SSTS, and include said easements in any report to the Agency of Natural Resources of the extent, location, and details of the SSTS; and
- 3. Instruments conveying an easement for establishing and maintaining winter recreational snow trails for use by the public, snowmobile use, or access, to the Conservancy shall include the follow language: "This easement is conveyed for the use of Vermont Snow Trails Conservancy/Charitable Trust and will be made available to VAST and its members to be included as part of the Statewide Snowmobile Trail System, a part of the Vermont Trails System as recognized by the Agency of Natural Resources pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 443, and benefitted by the immunities extended to public and private landowners extended by the provisions 10 V.S.A. § 448."

[Signature page to follow]

Vermont Association of Snow Travelers Inc.

Cindy Locke, Executive Director and Duly Authorized Agent

Vermont Snow Trails Conservancy/Charitable Trust, Incorporate

James Hill, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Duly Authorized Agent