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By JEFF MEYERS

LAKE PLACID — In a surprise announcement, Robert Fries submitted his resignation as head of the Regional Development Authority Thursday morning. Fries will leave the $150,000-a-year post to return to a consulting firm. On Nov. 2, he will become managing director of Stratton Mountain resort in Vermont. The 49-year-old was general manager of Waterville Valley Ski Area before becoming the Northwest leader of Intrawest, a company that owns three ski areas in New Hampshire for 19 years. Fries also oversaw a complete management change at ORDA, where he held the job of executive director since 1987. Fries was a native of Saranac, where he grew up in the old Robert Fries hardware store and across our front lawn, running as fast as he could, said Burke, the mother-in-law of Shawn Murphy, who has lived most of his life in the North Country. She pulled into the Beekmantown area, ran across our front lawn, running as fast as she could, said Burke, the mother-in-law of Shawn Murphy, who has lived most of his life in the North Country. She pulled into the Beekmantown area, ran across our front lawn, running as fast as she could, said Burke, the mother-in-law of Shawn Murphy, who has lived most of his life in the North Country.