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Comments: Shortly after Beaver Creek Ski Area was opened, I proposed a cross country ski business there and was given authority by CEO Harry Frampton to design and implement it. After looking at California nordic areas, planner Mike Larson and I returned with the McCoy Park idea. That location gave the benefits of affording the guests a scenic undeveloped character with solitude and quiet away from the main alpine area. It also has excellent quality snow on the trails and for a longer winter season than other nordic centers due to its altitude. With the McCoy Park terrain, a trail system was designed with easier trails contouring around the middle of the bowl and steeper trails climbing higher and dropping lower in the bowl.

McCoy Park Nordic Track System is popular with guests of all ages who either do not alpine ski or wish to take a day from downhill skiing to cross country ski or snowshoe. Putting an alpine skiing area in the middle of McCoy Park with 2 ski lifts, terrain changes, snowmaking, skier services and other operational improvements will totally change the character of the area. That development will take away the quiet, scenic setting and all of the easier trails of the present system. It will severely reduce the quality of the Nordic product.

Vail Resorts will gain another alpine teaching area through this process, However, the Nordic product will be seriously damaged.