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Comments: I was distressed to learn about the McCoy Park Terrain Development plan, which sounds as though it will involve converting part of the McCoy Nordic Park to lifts, downhill ski runs, and associated facilities.

The nordic area at Beaver Creek is a unique feature that has kept me coming to B.C. year after year for many years in a row. After trying snowshoeing and nordic skiing there long ago, I always thereafter included several days at McCoy Park as part of my predominately downhill skiing trip to Beaver Creek. As my knees have increasingly become problems, I now tend to alternate downhill days and snowshoe days. It prolongs my trip and adds immense recreational value. Other friends are also adopting this approach. It's great fun to experience the excitement of downhill and the serenity of snowshoeing into one resort trip.

McCoy Park offers a quiet, secluded, and gorgeous area for snowshoeing that is unrivaled at any other major ski resort I've visited. While some resorts advertise snowshoeing opportunities, they are often down in the town or simply up the sides of the downhill runs. Those opportunities are not secluded, peaceful, or scenic. Fighting your way up a downhill slope, with all the dangers inherent in that activity is simply exercise, not recreation. And, who wants to go on a destination vacation to simply snowshoe around a town?

McCoy Park offers snowshoe only trails that go through conifers, aspen groves, up to the ridge overlooks, and across meadows. The diversity of habitat is stunning, particularly along the Upper Atlas Trail. Only occasionally do you catch a glimpse of downhill skiers in Larkspur Bowl. McCoy Park is a tremendous asset that offers an unparalleled nordic experience. Please don't mess up a good thing!