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Comments: Please do not allow further ski facility development to encroach on the national treasure that is McCoy Park. Red Buffalo Park, which is another family ski area, just opened in the exact same resort. McCoy Park is the only area where one can snow shoe and cross-country ski surrounded by trees and nature. I've travelled internationally, and there is no place like it. This is what brings my family back year after year. Once you add the noise of ski lifts and the downhill runs, it will minimize the area for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing and, even if you go, it will be noisy. The destruction of the woods will be devastating for the wildlife as well as for people who want an escape from noise and stress. I know there is money to be made on the downhill skiing, but there are tons of acres dedicated to downhill skiing everywhere in the area. What we don't have is anywhere like McCoy Park. Once that is changed, we will have lost a rare and special place. Not sure my family or the others who treasure McCoy Park will return if it becomes just another downhill ski area. The Forrest Service is here to protect and maintain the little nature we still have... please, please, please fulfill that mission for all of us Americans who LOVE the pristine beauty of McCoy Park.