

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/25/2023 6:28:45 PM

First name: Lawrence

Last name: Merworth

Organization:

Title:

Comments: To whom it may concern:

I completely support the development of additional terrain at Monarch Mountain. This is, and always has been, an amazing location. In my childhood the family always traveled up to the Salida, Colorado Area for vacations. I can remember being so excited about the scenery, hiking, jeep tours and skiing in what I think is one of the best kept secrets in all of Colorado. I love that Monarch Mountain is a "ski" (or riding for you Snow Boarders) mountain and not a ski resort. I would love to see Monarch Mountain continue to expand and offer more terrain and lifts - BUT - remain a ski mountain. Let entrepreneurs develop hotels experiences down in Salida (or cabin rentals, etc.) or the surrounding area. In addition, let them develop/pursue "green" shuttle or rail options to and from the mountain. Monarch Mountain has come a long way and it has been exciting to watch and experience. The re-opening of the Continental Divide Gift Shop and Lookout is awesome as well. It was one of my favorite locations and events on my childhood vacations and I can't wait to get back up there and let my kids experience the gift shop. Monarch Mountain is my children's favorite location and they will be extremely excited to hear that it is expanding.