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Comments: I write in support of the proposed No Name Basin expansion of Monarch Mountain. I am an avid lifelong skier, 63 years old living in nearby Gunnison Colorado. Monarch, and other independent ski resorts like it, are a national treasure; a rapidly disappearing national treasure. The US ski industry is increasingly dominated by a few large corporations, who operate very large, very expensive, but homogenous resorts. Monarch is refreshingly different. It is affordable. It caters to families, and to uphill skiers, and people who like to tailgate in the parking lot. To skiers, not just to resort vacationers. So what does the expansion have to do with this? Well, us skiers would like some more terrain. And while Monarch crowds do not approach the mob scenes at mega resorts, it is getting popular (because it is so nice!). So more terrain is needed to accommodate those of us who seek the independent resort experience. We are fortunate that independent resorts can still invest in their businesses. Please make it easier for them by approving this expansion as quickly as possible.