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Comments: I am writing to express my support and enthusiasm for the Monarch Mountain expansion into No Name Basin. As ski resorts are increasingly part of large corporate conglomerate, I highly value the experience at Monarch which has remained an independently owned resort. Expanding into No Name Basin will bring more terrain to keep skiers and boarders spread out. As the mountain experienced increasing record-setting attendance days in the past few years, it's becoming clear that expansion would be highly welcome. Given expansions at major resorts all over Colorado (e.g. Aspen Hero's terrain, Steamboat's Pioneer Ridge, Keystone's Bergman and Ericson Bowls, not to mention Vail's Blue Sky Basin some year ago), I would expect this approval to be very reasonable.

As someone who has biked, hiked, cross country and downhill skied all over the area at and around Monarch, I'm convinced that there is ample area to accommodate this expansion without negatively impacting the natural area.

Please take this vote of support and encouragement to move quickly!