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Comments: On behalf of our 45 employer members, the Chaffee County Economic Development Corporation supports the Monarch No Name expansion for the project's significant social and economic benefits to our business community.

The proposed action would have positive both short-term and long-term economic impacts on our community. In the short-term, construction related activities will create temporary jobs providing economic benefits to the local area, including the use of local contractors that are vital to the economic health of our businesses. In the long-term, economic benefits are expected from the creation of new positions necessary to operate and maintain the new lift and associated terrain, as well as increases to Monarch's existing departments' staff. (Monarch is one of the top 10 largest employers in Chaffee County, in addition to their draw of important visitors that support our tourism-driven economy.)

Within the context of the overall economic area (Chaffee County), the project is anticipated to have long-term positive economic impacts as a result of additional positions as well as incremental increases in sales and lodging revenues due to increased visitation to Monarch.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

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