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Comments: I fully support the Monarch Ski Area expansion for several reasons:

The current ski/snowboard area is too small to be competitive with larger resort areas long-term.

Skiers and snowboarders expect more skiable/rideable terrain and variety. Adding a new lift and runs will get more people outside for longer periods of recreating. A larger area will keep me and my family outside and on the slopes longer, which has physical and mental health benefits.

A larger ski/snowboard area will enhance state and local tourism and businesses.

The large resort areas in the Vail Valley, Aspen, Winter Park, and Summit County attract more snow sports enthusiasts and highway traffic loads. With the Front Range population growing, state and federal lands need to encourage traffic away from the I-70 corridor to other areas around Colorado.