

No Name expansion will increase Monarch acreage by 50%

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With winter approaching, Monarch Mountain officials are focusing on stabilization of the No Name Basin expansion and are halting forward progress.

The hope is that construction efforts will continue through October before the snow flies.

The 377-acre expansion, which will include a three-person lift to access the backside of the existing ski resort, will bring the total skiable terrain to about 1,146 acres. That is roughly a 50 percent increase in Monarch's lift-served acreage.

BL Holdinghaus, director of engineering, maintenance and project management, said, "That's huge for us."

The expansion will make Monarch larger than Aspen Mountain and Aspen Highlands and put it close to Purgatory, A-Basin and Crested Butte.



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Monarch Mountain officials BL Holdinghaus, director of engineering, maintenance and project management, left, and Scott Pressly, director of mountain operations, look at the progress in the No Name Basin expansion Sept. 10. Behind them, Lowry Construction places culverts under the newly cut skiway.

Holdingshaus and Scott Pressly, director of mountain operations, gave The Mail a tour of the expansion progress Sept. 10.

"This summer is really all about prepping for next summer and the lift," Holdingshaus said. "This summer is kinda the broad strokes,

and next summer is the lift and final touches. Then we'll be live for the '25-'26 season."

On Sept. 10 Lowry Construction was installing culverts under one of the newly cut skiways.

Holdingshaus joked that his

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