

I was raised in Monument, and while it has always been a beautiful place to grow up, Fall Mountain Farm has become something truly special for so many families in our community. As an adult, visiting the farm each fall has become a tradition for our family — something we look forward to every year. It is more than just a seasonal attraction; it is a place where lifelong childhood memories are created and families are brought closer together.

The atmosphere at the farm gives children experiences that are becoming increasingly rare today. It plants seeds in young minds to appreciate farming, working with their hands, caring for animals, and serving their community. Experiences like these shape character and inspire the next generation in ways that are hard to measure.

I have also personally seen the kind of people Cathy and Steve are. They have consistently gone out of their way to help others in the community — whether it's helping neighbors herd lost animals, assisting with roads, lending tools or equipment, caring for animals, or simply showing kindness whenever someone is in need. They are the kind of people who make Monument feel like home.

My family and I went to Fall Mountain Farm last year on one of the really busy fall days, and there were definitely well over 150ish cars there. Honestly, there was no issue getting in or out, traffic was fine, and it never felt overcrowded. Everything flowed really smoothly. That's why I personally don't understand the concern with allowing the same amount of parking they already successfully had last year.

Granting this would allow more families to experience something that has become really meaningful to this community. It would be sad to limit access to a place that has brought so much joy, connection, and positive memories to families and kids in Monument.