I am deeply concerned about the proposed Mountain Coaster and Concessions Building Project which would be located in the Sandia Peak Ski Area. While the presence of this type of amusement might attract more visitors, the negative impact in terms of noise, impact on wildlife and natural resources, and further traffic congestion need to be considered. As a citizen of Albuquerque for nearly 50 years, I’ve deeply appreciated the beauty of our mountains and, like many, have enjoyed spending time in them. However, the project proposed would only further commercialize the area and detract from the natural environment. The Forest Service and all of us should be stewards of this precious natural environment, which is sacred to many people.

In addition, the official comment period for this proposal should be extended, since there seems to be limited public awareness of the project and citizens need to be given equal time to developers, given the significant impact it would have.