

Attention: Bryan West

This letter is in regard to the proposed Coaster ride to be built in the Sandia Peak Ski Area. I am totally against this plan. I will tell you why:

1. Has an environmental impact study been conducted? And if not, one needs to be. As Dr. Lane pointed out, the mountain is small compared to other ranges.
2. Increased traffic on N. 14 leading to Cibola National Forest: Noise, pollution, inability to access N-14 due to increased traffic; increased traffic and higher probability to accidents on 2-lane road leading to Sandia Peak
3. Increased littering, fire danger as we are in a mega-drought, possible increase in fire danger risk from cigarettes thrown from vehicles, charcoal fires, accidents
4. Impact on wildlife: risk of being hit from vehicles, pollution from vehicles
5. The Sandias are not an amusement park, it is not Disneyland or Gatlinburg, Tenn. or Dollywood. It is a small National Forest that needs help to keep it healthy. Please don't cut down old trees that have taken centuries to grow! Please reconsider. Remember that people have short attention spans and will soon tire of the Coaster ride. And then what?

You can't regrow the trees that would need to be cut to put the ride in. And one accident on the coaster will most probably shut it down. Or one bad accident on the road to Sandia Peak.

Just remember what the Sandias are for. Hiking, horse-back riding, bicycles, picnics, not an amusement park.

Please reconsider this proposed project. It is in the very best interest to the Sandias, the East Mountain residents, and people who visit it.

Sincerely

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