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Dear District Ranger Powell:

We are writing to express our concern regarding the Proposed Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster. We have read over the Proposed FAQ's. Our concerns are on the frequent responses of people who want the Mountain Coaster for the fun it will bring to them on their visit to the ski area. (1) Considering that not only is this area congested with traffic during normal times the amount of the year-round operation of the proposed Mountain Coaster would be unimaginable. This proposed Mountain Coaster should be a concern to the residents of the area because: (2) The decibels discussed in the FAQ mentioned the level would be less than 60 decibels. We have experienced 57.7dB and 51.4 dB in the area in which we live. In 2017, we had to contact the Health Protection Scientist Planning and Developing Department regarding noise level coming from a HVAC unit. This was cited as a violation of the Bernalillo County code (Reference Chapter 30 Environment. Article IV. NOISE.) At the time being outside was unbearable, we could not garden, enjoy our view of the Bosque or even barbecue outdoors. We also, noticed that the wildlife, ducks, cranes, coyotes and our own animals were reacting to the noise emitting from this HVAC unit.

Included in the FAQ, was that: 3) the chair lifts, shouts of fun and noise from the Mountain coaster along with the ski lifts would contribute to the noise level. This unnecessary noise would cause the peace and quiet of the mountain area that is frequently visited by hikers, picnickers, bird watchers and resident of the area. The FAQ, also indicates: (4) when on the coaster the rider would be able to enjoy the view of the beautiful mountain, but the coasters speed would exceed between 25 mph-30 mph and the ride would take approximately 6 to 3 minutes. Who would enjoy the view at this speed? (5) Then there is also the time of operation of said coaster from 9:00 a.m., until sunset. Consider also atmospheric conditions in the area where noise is definitely carried louder around the time before sunset and morning.

We are voicing our concern: against the proposed Mountain Coaster project, for the above reasons and why not avoid contributing to the already causing environmental problems in that area. Area residents should study the project and its effect on how this project will affect their quality of life. As one of the commenters response to this project was, "if he/she wanted to be near an amusement park they would move near Disneyland or Six Flags." We love our Sandia Mountains, leave these type of projects to amusement parks. Please consider our concern.

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