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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition in the strongest terms to the proposed roller coaster in the Sandia Peak Ski area. I was born and raised in the Sandia Mountains. This is my home and walking and hiking and running and riding in the Sandia Mountains has been a huge formative part of my life, and continues to be so. The idea of putting a roller coaster in the middle of a national wilderness is ludicrous to the extreme. The whole point of having a wilderness area is to create a space away from the noise and havoc of urban and industrial life. Putting a mechanized carnival ride in the middle of this would be detrimental to the overall objectives of establishing and maintaining wilderness areas. Additionally the threat wild fire in the Sandia Mountains continues to pose an existential threat to our entire community, and putting a roller coaster in the middle of it seems about as stupid of a thing as you can do. If people want to enjoy our forest, they can walk or ride or ski or ride the tram if they are too fat or lazy. These lands are for the enjoyment of people seeking solace in nature, not there for private industry to turn into a carnival show to attract people who most likely have no interest in enjoying a natural environment to begin with. Shame on anyone who would even consider allowing this atrocity to gain approval.