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Comments: As a current contractor with the USDA Forest Service, a Taos resident, and an avid user of the Sandias (as well as wider Carson NF), a "mountain coaster" is clearly an unnecessary construction that would visually-and possibly physically-degrade the Sandias (even if tucked away in a corner). Yes, we want to develop attractive amusements over top of our public lands, but 4,000 feet of non-natural construction doesn't seem to be the best form to do that if we're all seriously taking nature's perspective into account, as well as long terms goals and standards of public land use. Yes, more people would possibly be attracted to the Sandias due to this proposed attraction, but it seems to me to be the wrong way to attract people.

If we built a mechanical bull ride at the top of the Sandias, yes, more people may go up there, but at what cost to the land/view? If we built a ferris wheel, sure, more people might drive up there, but again, those participants would, arguably, not really even interact with nature, therefore, did we win? Someone riding the coaster would literally not even touch their foot to the ground, how can we argue that would encourage more exploration? There are numerous ways to attract people to public land by layering man-made things on top: trails, roads, signage, gardens, etc. A "mountain coaster" is way down at the bottom of the list. Yes, it's an idea, but not for public land, or a serene mountain side. In all due respect, it's a cheap idea. There is simply no reason it MUST be there, which should be the standard for any sort of development on public land. If it's a development that must be there (a dam), sure, let's talk. If it development to support people to see the land by their own two feet or tires (trailheads, bathrooms, roads, etc.), great. Anything beyond that: an excess. Our trails, foot prints and roads already take away and break up enough of our public land, so a "mountain coaster" is a clear glut.

Let's entice people with nature and serenity, not development. This country, and this county, has plenty of space for coasters, and bull rides, and ferris wheels, where we as a society, culture and country have a greed to put those ideas: in a city (Albuquerque). Why allow those boundaries to be pushed now? Why put an amusement park atop a mountain? Where would it stop?

Do not approve the construction of this proposal, as it is, simply-and wholly-unnecessary. Maybe the business owners of Sandia Peak feel it is necessary, but listen to the people, not the businesses. Public land is for the people, not corporations.

Don't massacre the mountains.

"I regard Custer's massacre as a sacrifice of troops, brought on by Custer himself, that was wholly unnecessary - wholly unnecessary." - President Grant, September 2, 1876