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Comments: The creation of a roller coaster would disturb ecosystems, and ultimately detract from the naturalistic experience of the Sandias. Furthermore, the creation of a roller coaster in this naturalistic setting would degrade the overall image of not only the Sandias, but Albuquerque, and further the image of New Mexico overall.

Naturalistic experiences have been a long standing source of economy in New Mexico's tourism and serve to differentiate New Mexico from other states in the Southwest. Citing a roller coaster at one of the largest natural monuments near our largest metropolitan area (Albuquerque) would profoundly derail this form of economy, instead projecting New Mexico as an economy of "Cheap Thrills" to the outside world. Aside from the fact that this would be an unsustainable economy in any context, the fact that Arizona, Colodrado, and Utah have already have competing economies of much greater scale (E.G. Park City, Alpine Coaster, Outlaw Mountain Coaster, Gold Runner at Breckenridge, Breathe Taker Roller Coaster, Forest Flyer at Vail, Rocky Mountain Coaster at Copper Valley, Inferno Mountain Coaster at Purgatory, etc.) would make this an especially short lived business venture. New Mexico has long diverged from both the mid and Southwest in relying on forward thinking, sustainable economies over 'quick fixes'. I hope the forest service will take a moment to consider how vastly incongruent a roller Coaster would be within the greater character of our state and its sustainable policy.