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Comments: I think it's a great idea. I rode one of these (several times!) at the Park City (Utah) ski area, probably more than 20 years ago. Loved it!

Having lived in the East Mountain area since 1999 and watched the snow frequency decline year after year and years when the Sandia Peak ski area didn't even bother to open, it seems to me that ONLY way to keep the area viable would be to switch from winter sports to more summer sports. More people would ride it than the number of mountain bikers, IMHO.

I'm glad to see it referred to as a "mountain coaster" and not a "roller coaster" as it was a couple years ago. No, it's not the same thing as on Coney Island. I heard a presentation about the project a couple years ago and was in favor of it then as well.

The mountain bikers may squak about the interference with "their" trails but there are plenty of other routes (and places) for them to travel. And having ridden up the lift in the summer and hiked down, sharing some of the trails with the mountain bikers going 200 mph downhill was downright frightening. I think a few bike-free trails that intersect with the mountain coaster, perhaps with a pass-under or over bridge would be a big improvement.

I gave up skiing years ago...gettin' old and the price of tickets and equipment became outlandish. I think something that doesn't require \$300 skis and \$200 boots and clothing would be a great and less expensive way to return to the thrill of safely traveling down a mountain slope. Warmer, too!

Thanks for the chance to offer input. I hope this comes to pass.