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Comments: Regarding Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster #56985

Dear Forest Service,

I am a frequent hiker in the foothills of the Sandia mountains during the summer, and somewhat less frequently snowshoe in the crest area during the winter.

As climate change increasingly affects our local weather patterns, I am very concerned that we will see fewer snow skiing seasons atop the Sandia range. While any time there is increased activity in a forest area, there will also be associated impact, I find the prospect of a mountain slide heartening for the local economy due to tourism attractions.

One summer my family vacationed in Jackson, WY. We thoroughly enjoyed the mountain slide at the ski resort just south of town. At the time, I wondered why Albuquerque, with it's remarkable access to the Sandia peak and often-unused ski area, did not also have a mountain slide. This could be an attraction that could be used for a long season, from April to November.

I fully support this idea. Thank you for asking.