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Comments: I am very much opposed to this project. I did not see anywhere on the CNF site that an Environmental Assessment has been done; has it? If so, where is the report? Obvious issues I see, even without the benefit of an EA (or better still, an EIS):

- 1. Traffic. There will be more traffic than ever coming up the mountain. This means more air pollution, likely more car accidents, and just more congestion.
- 2. Noise. I'm sure this thing is not silent. My personal idea of an "exciting mountain experience" consists of getting out of Albq for some solitude, not a bunch of tourists screaming on a noisy roller coaster. And what about the disruption to local wildlife from the racket?
- 3. Erosion. Building and maintaining this unnatural beast on an average 13.4% grade will cause serious erosion. What's the plan, if any, to mitigate runoff and sediment removal?
- 4. Contamination. I assume all the moving parts of this thing will have to be lubricated. I assume workers will drive an ATV or something similar along the track to do maintenance (more erosion). Fuels and other potentially hazardous liquids will be stored on site, thus increasing the chance for a spill. More people than ever will be using restrooms, thus increasing the load on what I assume is a septic system.

Seriously, how does this project make sense other than to line the pockets of the ski area owners? Historically, the USFS was conceived as a conservation-focused organization; I urge you to keep that legacy in mind and reject this foolish project.