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Comments: Regarding the "forest coaster" - I oppose this proposal. Sandía is a treasure to protect. I go to Sandia often, specifically for quiet and solitude. Both of these considerations greatly outweigh any possible benefit of a forest coaster. People can ride roller coasters in urban areas. The mountain plants and animals are dying due to extended drought conditions. There is growing risk of serious wildfires. Could sparks from the coaster ignite dry fuel? What about noise and sustainability issues? Why cut more trees unnecessarily? If a project like this cannot be avoided, I would prefer a zip line or ropes course, in a less sensitive location - not the alpine areas of Sandía. However, my preference would be to cancel this proposed project altogether in order to protect the mountain, protect it's inhabitants, and to safeguard human access to quiet solitude in the wilderness.. Thank you.