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Comments: I would like to make a comment on the Sandia Coaster project and have read the scoping letter and viewed the maps, but still have questions before I can comment.

The map of the coaster route shows it criss-crossing an island of forest between ski runs. How many trees will have to be removed to accommodate the coaster? As a volunteer with Cibola Trail Rangers, I know how frequently trees fall in the Forest due to prolonged drought. How will the potential hazard of trees falling on the coaster itself be mitigated?

Also, the scoping letter mentions that the coaster is "needed" so that people can enjoy "passive" recreational activities, but the Tram and the scenic lift rides already fill that need. Except the Sandia Peak website says, "We do not have any fall or summer chairlift rides". Why is that? It seems like Sandia Peak is not taking full advantage of its existing infrastructure to provide "passive" recreation. Even in years when I used the scenic chairlift it seems to me the schedule was very limited, weekends only during the fall and Balloon Fiesta. Is the plan to use the coaster to replace the scenic chairlift rides?