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Comments: I am strongly opposed to this project. It will convert a portion of the Cibola forest into an amusement park with constant machine noise, whooping and hollering, food smells, and garbage. This area is crucial habitat for mule deer, already stressed because of loss of access to winter range. The noise and crowds will degrade the recreational value of the mountain for those of us who want to hike and simply be in nature, at high altitude, in the trees, and enjoy the views and silence. The operation of the ski area has limited impact on wildlife because of the times of year that it operates. When the ski area is closed, the human footprint impact of the current Tram is mostly limited to the terminal area, the restaurant, and increased activity on trails. The proposed slide will have a much heavier impact, extending a very different kind of human noise much farther down the mountain year round. Moreover, there is a big difference in esthetics between the current combination of summer hikers/sightseers and winter skiers, versus the proposed massive amusement park ride. I understand why this proposal is attractive to the ski area operators, but it will be very bad for the mountain and the forest. We already have amusement rides in the city. Please don't extend this kind of development onto the only nearby refuge we have from city noise and crowds.