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Comments: I am opposed to this project for a number of reasons. The first is that if there is public interest in the coaster, the most likely access will be by road via Sandia Crest as the proposal clearly states that the Tram operates at near maximum capacity on weekends and holidays. It is often closed due to high winds. The Tram is unlikely to serve as the primary access to the coaster due to crowding and possibly price. The traffic from the east side of the mountains might increase substantially, causing congestion and further straining limited parking. Without information about projected ticket prices, it is unclear if this project is an economically viable proposition that would justify its investment.

The second is that the mechanical and human noise of the coaster (even if at the 60 decibels stated) is likely to impact the experience of outdoor enthusiasts who use the mountain for more contemplative forms of recreation. The third is that the coaster would likely have a negative impact on wildlife corridors in the Sandias, the principal mountain habitat in Bernalillo and Sandoval counties.

Finally, the claim that the coaster will provide a thrilling experience akin to skiing, snowboarding, or mountain biking is unconvincing. They are very different activities and only highly skilled skiers and snowboarders are able to travel at 25-30 MPH. That speed would be dangerous for most mountain bikers.

We already have an amusement park in Bernalillo County - Cliff's, a long-established and popular local business that operates as an accessible price point for NM families. I don't see a need for an additional coaster that would cause human and traffic congestion at one of the few outdoor recreation sites accessible from Albuquerque.