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Comments: I am a frequent visitor to the Sandias and would like to register my objection to the mountain coaster project. There are amusement parks in Albuquerque with roller coasters, so there is no need to replicate that in the Sandias. I disagree that the coaster would not make significant noise. The coaster at Purgatory (Durango) is quite noisy, not just the coaster itself but the riders who shout and scream. Many people like to escape the city for the quiet of the Sandia Mountains, and a coaster would detract from that experience as the sound of it would travel through surrounding canyons. The plan of the coaster route would require cutting of a forested area at a time when the forest is already stressed from drought. The "Leave no trace" ethic includes "respect wildlife" and "let nature's sounds prevail." The proposed coaster does neither. I would much prefer commissioning a new chairlift so that scenic chairlift rides can resume, which are much quieter and more enjoyable.